POKÉMON
ADVENTURES
13
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The Main Characters

GOLD

A passionate but rash protagonist. He finally awakens and meets Chris...

SILVER

After escaping from the masked man, he has vowed to seek revenge!

YELLOW

In the midst of investigating the gigantic bird Pokémon, he was swept off with the whirl!!

CHRIS

She's the Pro when it comes to capturing Pokémon. Her mission is to collect data for the new Pokédex!

PIKA & CHUCHU

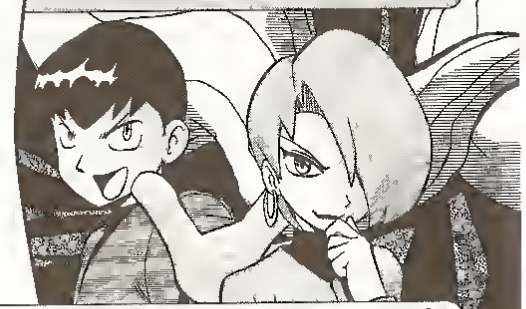
Gym Leaders of the Towns and Cities

The story so far

...nament of the Gym Leaders is ...ing! But at the same time, the ...ed man is leading the new Team ...et to Indigo Plateau! Gold and Chris ... by Professor Oak) are also there ...a mission. Now's the time when ... cross and the final battle is ...table!!

THE MASKED MAN (MASK OF ICE)

This mysterious man has his selfish reasons for consolidating the old Team Rocket!

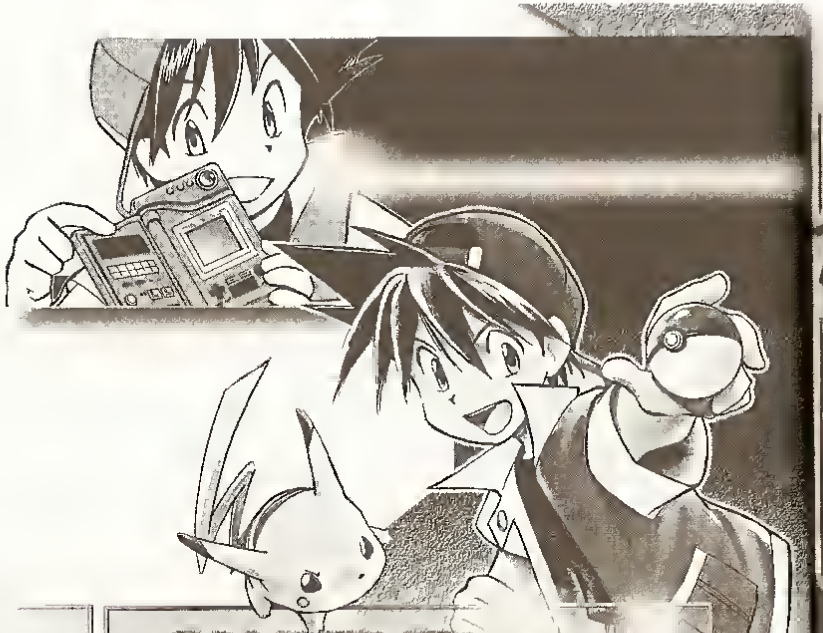


CHERMAINE & KEANE

Trained since young by the masked man, both of them hold important posts within Team Rocket.

TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS

POCKET MONSTER



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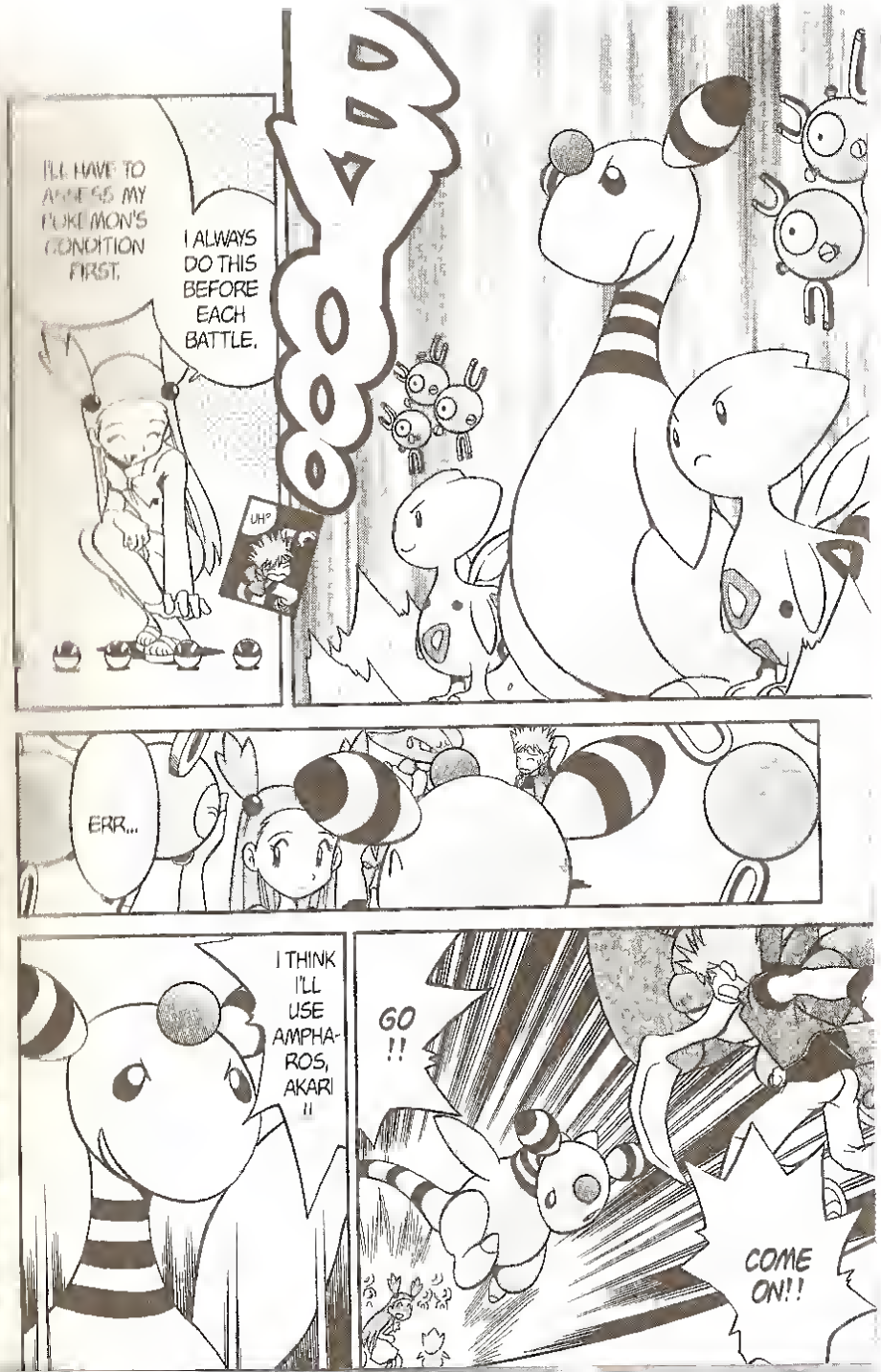
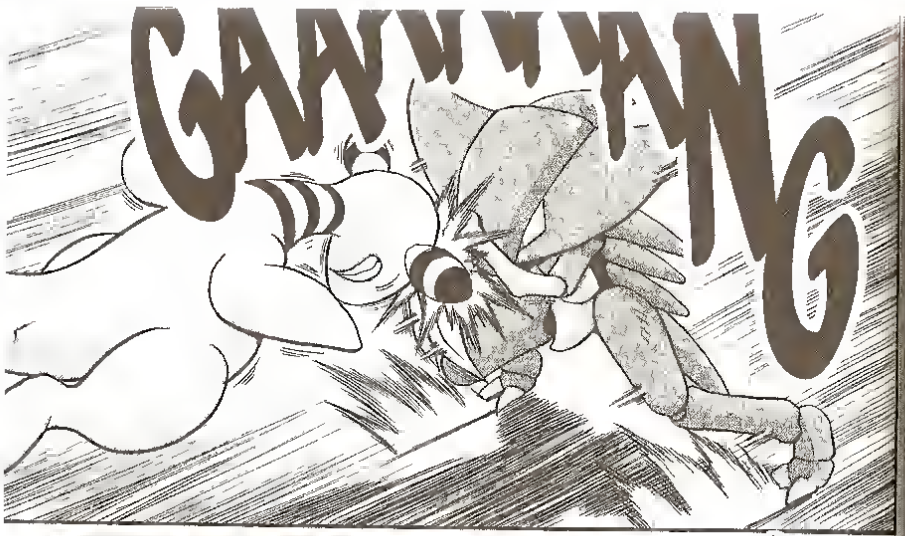
CHAPTER 155
HEADS ON KABUTOPS!

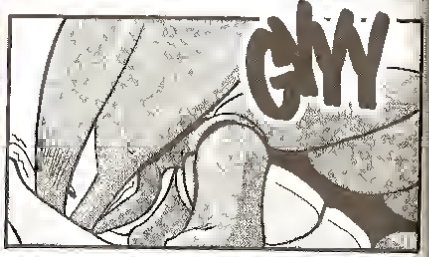
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M MEETING A JOHTO LEADER.
WE WERE SEPARATED AT THE DORM IN GOLDENROD AND IN THE TRAIN...
CONSIDERING THAT IT'S OUR FIRST MEETING...

... I'M QUITE IMPRESSED.
THEY'LL PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT...
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN.
I'M BROCK FROM KANTO, PEWTER CITY!
AND THE FIRST POKÉMON I'M USING IS...
I MET KABUTOPS A YEAR AGO WHEN PEWTER MUSEUM WAS ATTACKED...
...SINCE THEN, IT HAS GROWN INTO A STRONG BATTLE POKÉMON WITH POWERFUL ANCIENT WEAPONS!
KABUTOPS !!
SO WHAT RE YOU GONNA USE?!


I'LL HAVE TO ASSESS MY POKÉMON'S CONDITION FIRST.
I ALWAYS DO THIS BEFORE EACH BATTLE.
UH?
ERR...
I THINK I'LL USE AMPHAROS, AKARI !!
GO !!
COME ON!!


GAAAAAANG

GWY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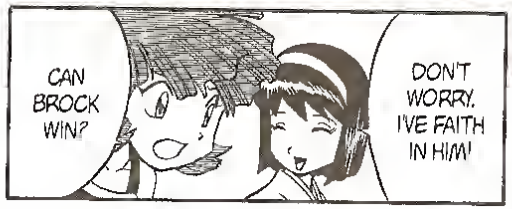
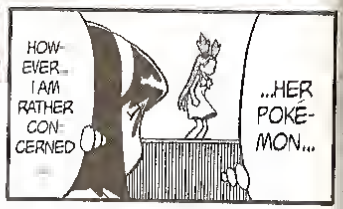
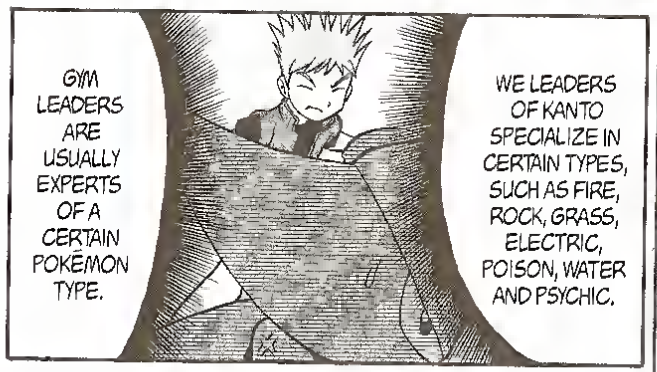
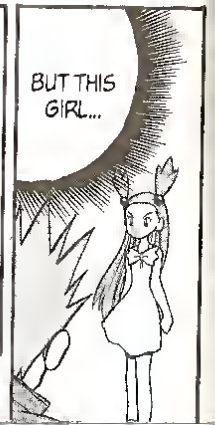
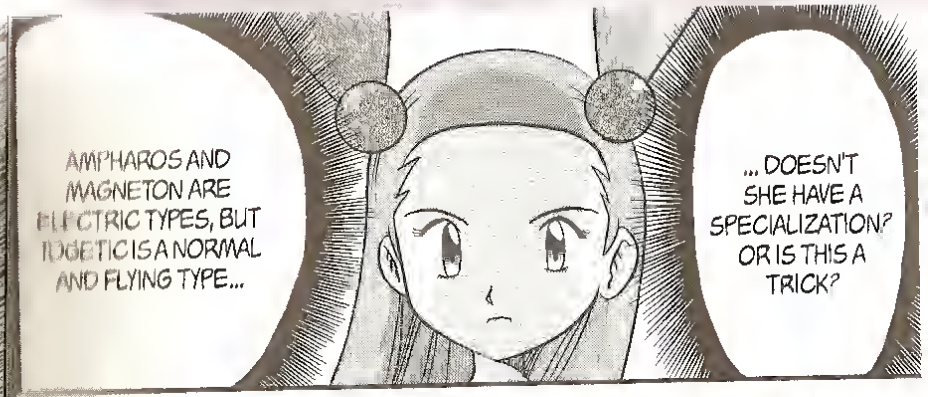
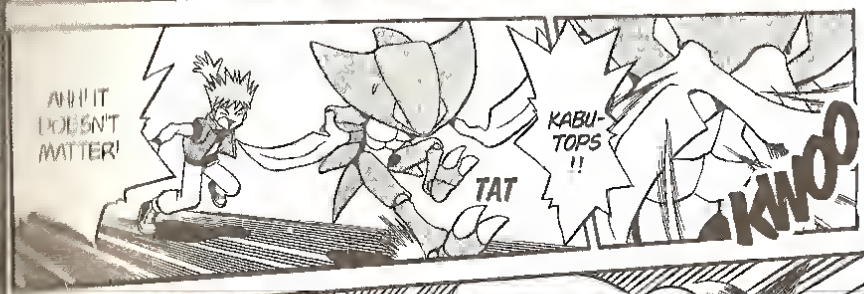

CAN BROCK WIN?
DON'T WORRY. I'VE FAITH IN HIM!


HOW-EVER... I AM RATHER CON-CERNED
...HER POKÉ-MON...

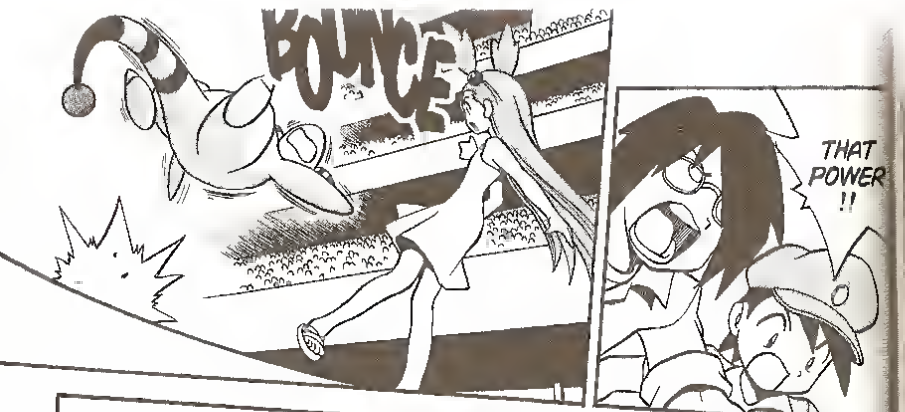

GYM LEADERS ARE USUALLY EXPERTS OF A CERTAIN POKÉMON TYPE.
WE LEADERS OF KANTO SPECIALIZE IN CERTAIN TYPES, SUCH AS FIRE, ROCK, GRASS, ELECTRIC, POISON, WATER AND PSYCHIC.


BUT THIS GIRL...


AMPHAROS AND MAGNETON ARE ELECTRIC TYPES, BUT TOGETIC IS A NORMAL AND FLYING TYPE...
...DOESN'T SHE HAVE A SPECIALIZATION? OR IS THIS A TRICK?

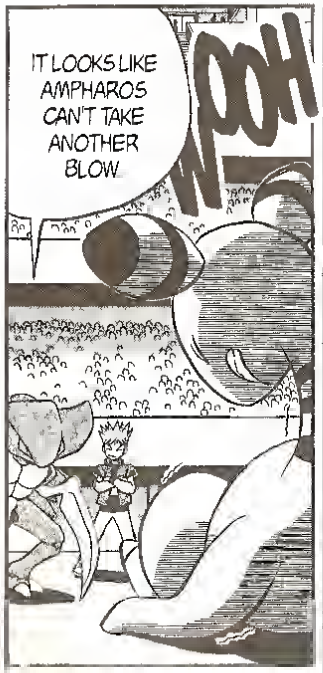

AH! IT DOESN'T MATTER!
TAT
KABU-TOPS !!
KWOO

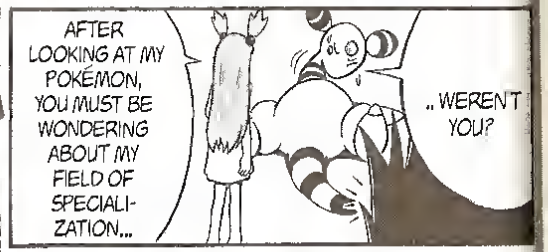
DONG
ANCIENT POWER!!

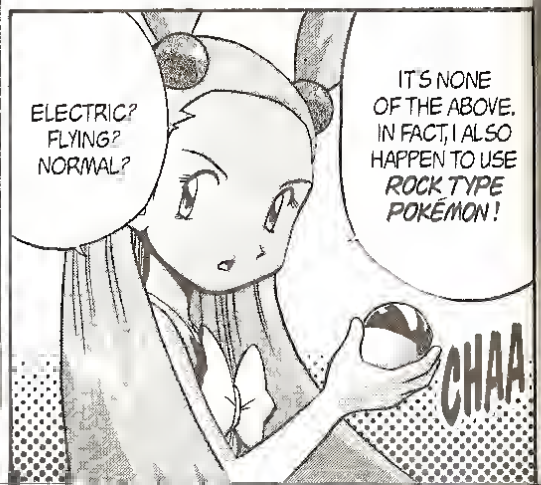


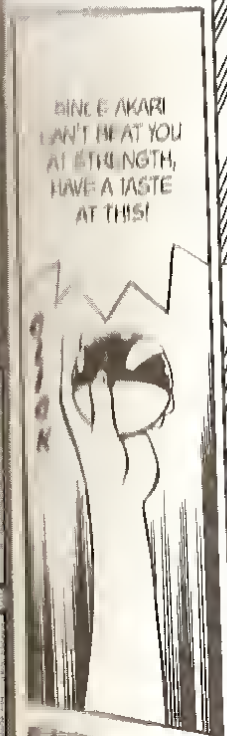
AS WITH NORMAL LEAGUE GAMES... IF ANY OF THE LEADER'S SIX POKÉMON IS DEEMED INCAPABLE OF BATTLE, HE LOSES THE MATCH!!

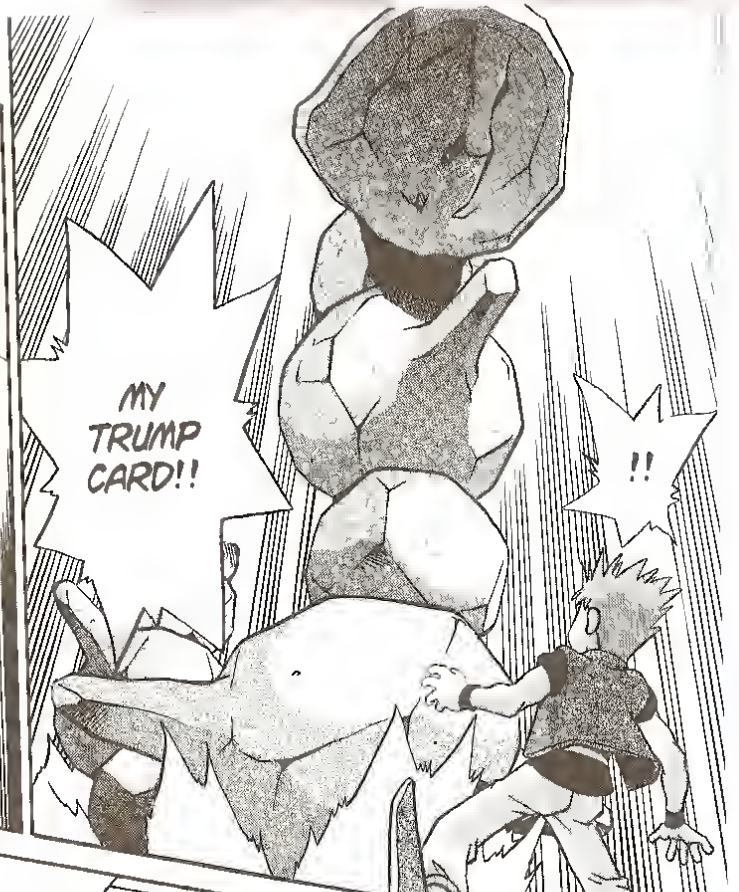
IS THAT AMPHAROS ALRIGHT?

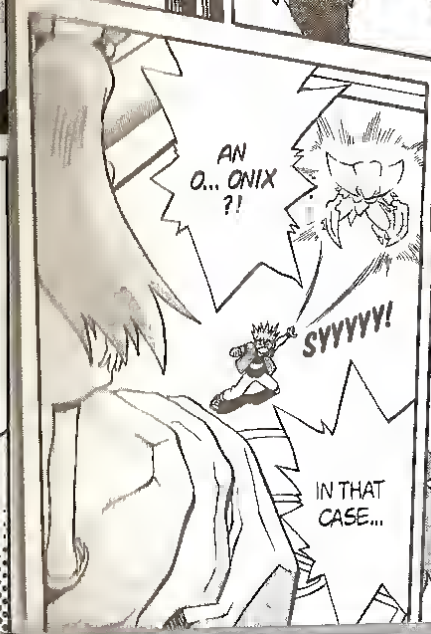


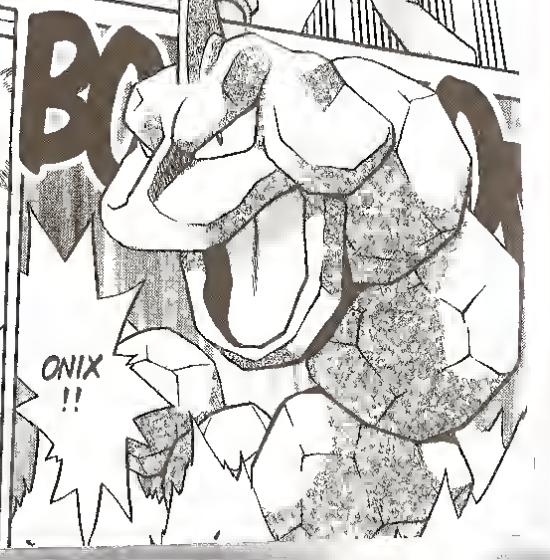




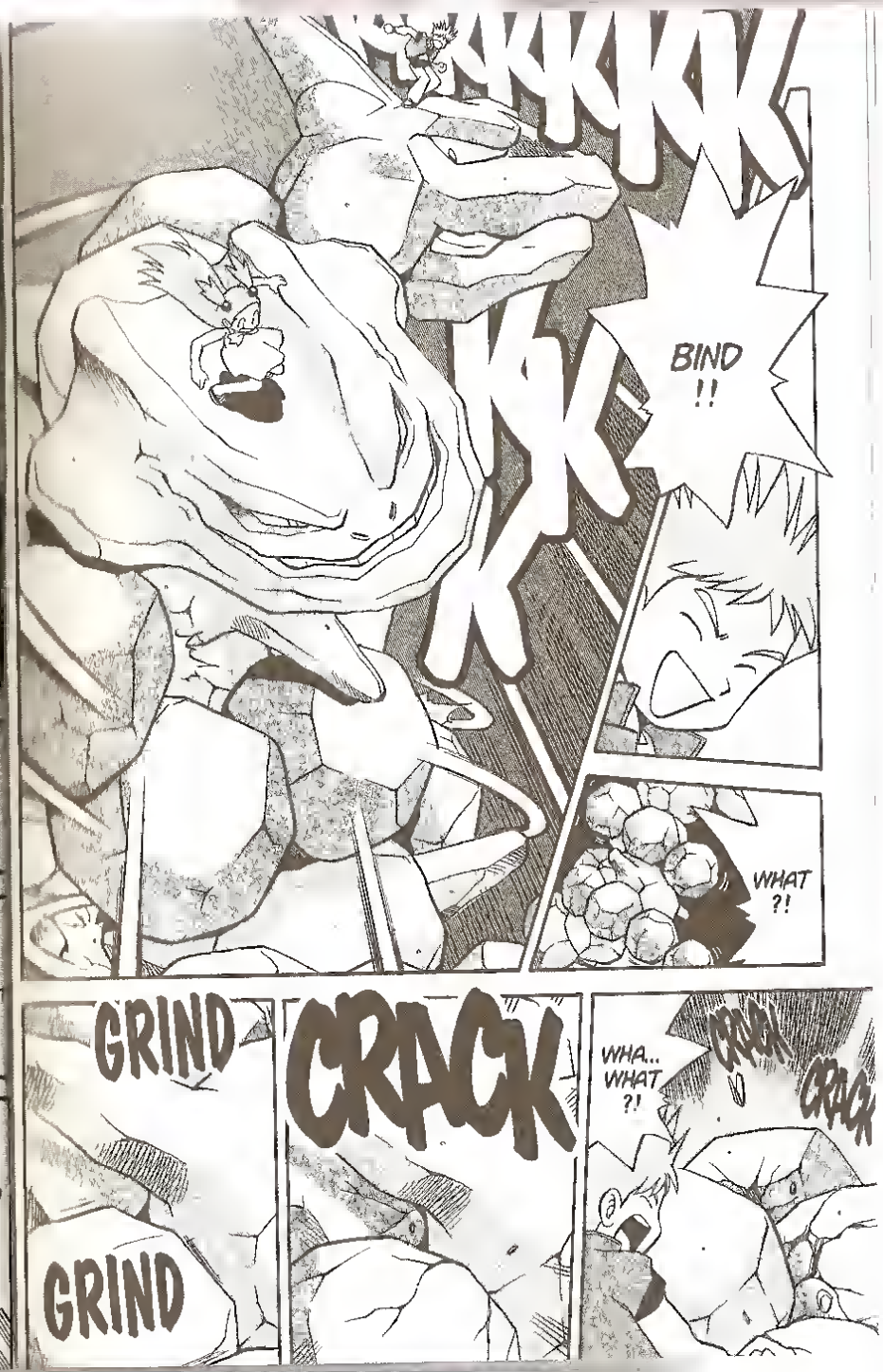


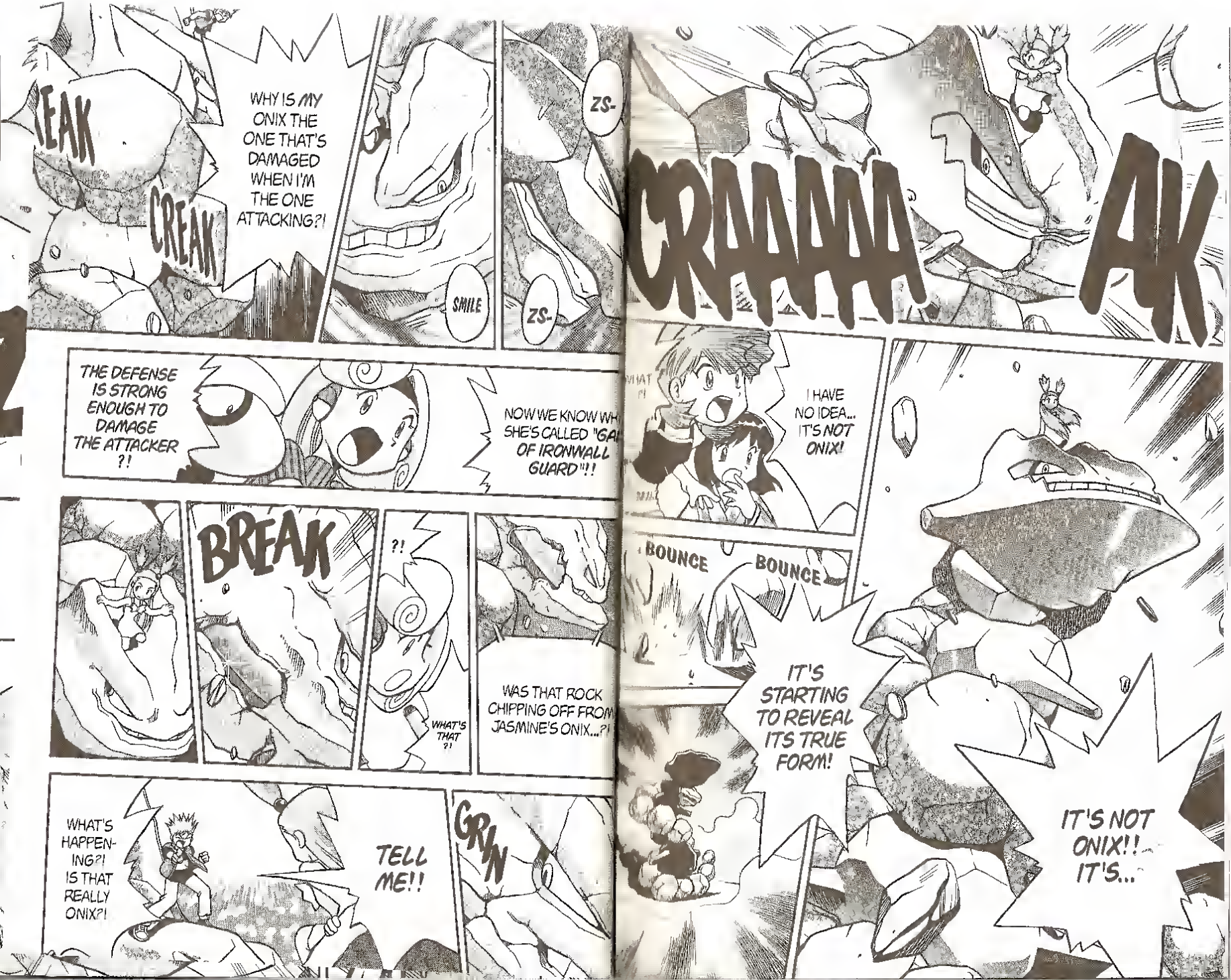




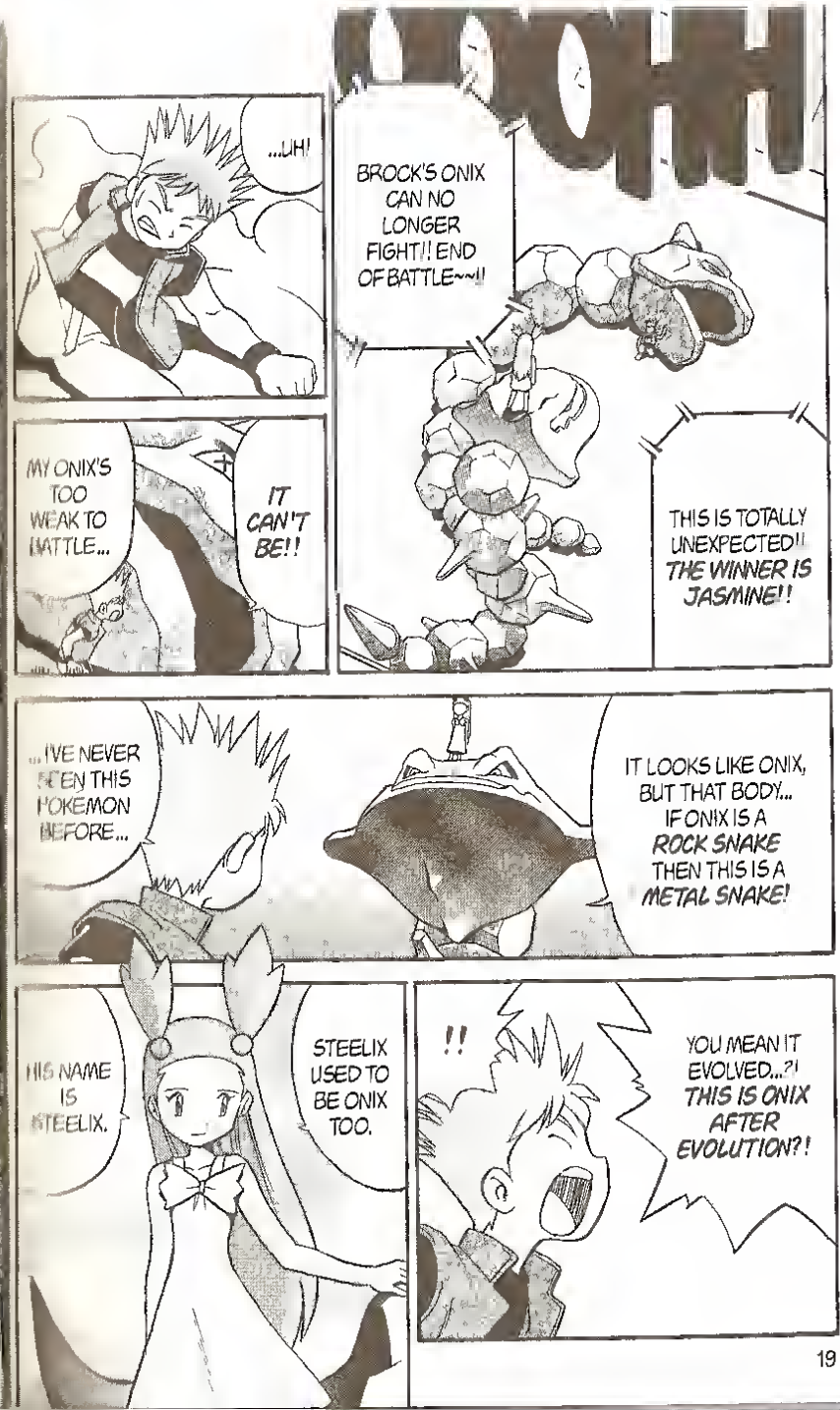


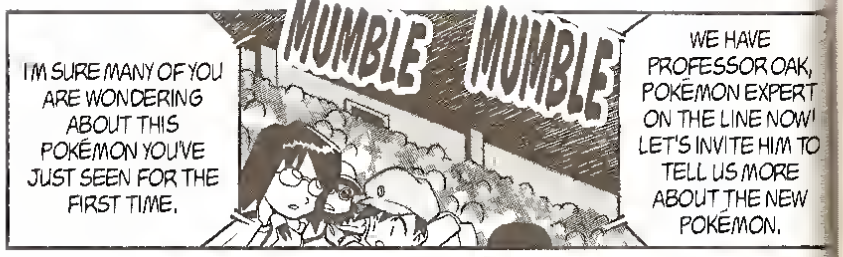
AZAWZAZAN
THAT'S THE SIXTH POKEMON THAT SHE DIDN'T SHOW JUST NOW.
SHE'S FINALLY GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT THE BATTLE... BUT...
HER ONIX LOOKS DIFFERENT.
IT MUST BE A DIFFERENT VARIETY
GWA
GO!!

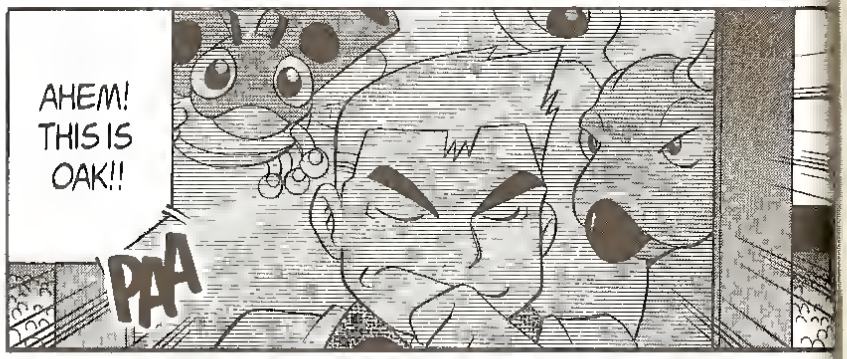

KKKKK
KK
BIND !!
WHAT ?!
GRIND
GRIND
CRACK
WHA... WHAT ?!
CRACK
CRACK

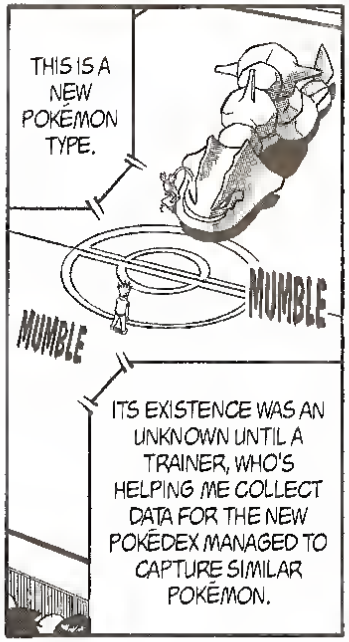

EAK
CREAK
WHY IS MY ONIX THE ONE THAT'S DAMAGED WHEN I'M THE ONE ATTACKING?!
SMILE
ZS-
ZS-
THE DEFENSE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO DAMAGE THE ATTACKER ?!
NOW WE KNOW WH
SHE'S CALLED "GA
OF IRONWALL GUARD"!!
BREAK
?!
WHAT'S THAT ?!
WAS THAT ROCK CHIPPING OFF FROM JASMINE'S ONIX...?!
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?! IS THAT REALLY ONIX?!
TELL ME!!
GRRN
CRAAAAA
AK
I HAVE NO IDEA... IT'S NOT ONIX!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
IT'S STARTING TO REVEAL ITS TRUE FORM!
IT'S NOT ONIX!! IT'S...

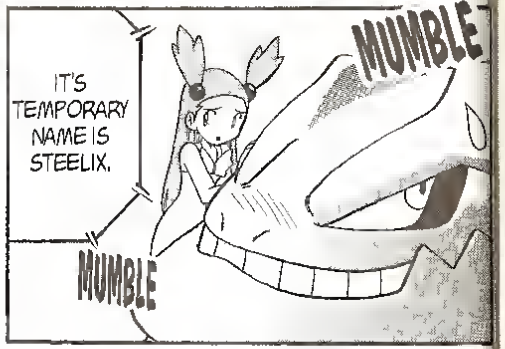
WHAT ?!
CRUNCH ATTACK !!
BITE
WOBBLE..
SLAM

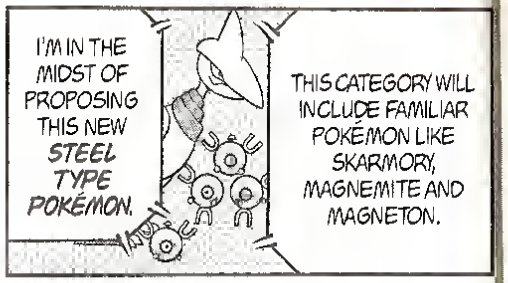

...UH!
OOH
BROCK'S ONIX CAN NO LONGER FIGHT!! END OF BATTLE~~!!
MY ONIX'S TOO WEAK TO BATTLE...
IT CAN'T BE!!
THIS IS TOTALLY UNEXPECTED!! THE WINNER IS JASMINE!!
...I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS POKEMON BEFORE...
IT LOOKS LIKE ONIX, BUT THAT BODY... IF ONIX IS A ROCK SNAKE THEN THIS IS A METAL SNAKE!
HIS NAME IS STEELIX.
STEELIX USED TO BE ONIX TOO.
!!
YOU MEAN IT EVOLVED...?! THIS IS ONIX AFTER EVOLUTION?!


I'M SURE MANY OF YOU ARE WONDERING ABOUT THIS POKÉMON YOU'VE JUST SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME.
MUMBLE MUMBLE
WE HAVE PROFESSOR OAK, POKÉMON EXPERT ON THE LINE NOW! LET'S INVITE HIM TO TELL US MORE ABOUT THE NEW POKÉMON.

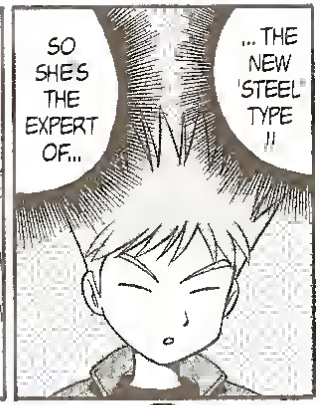

AHEM! THIS IS OAK!!
PAA

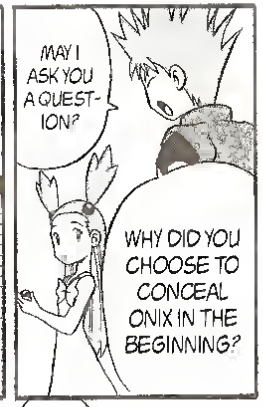

THIS IS A NEW POKÉMON TYPE.
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
ITS EXISTENCE WAS AN UNKNOWN UNTIL A TRAINER, WHO'S HELPING ME COLLECT DATA FOR THE NEW POKÉDEX MANAGED TO CAPTURE SIMILAR POKÉMON.

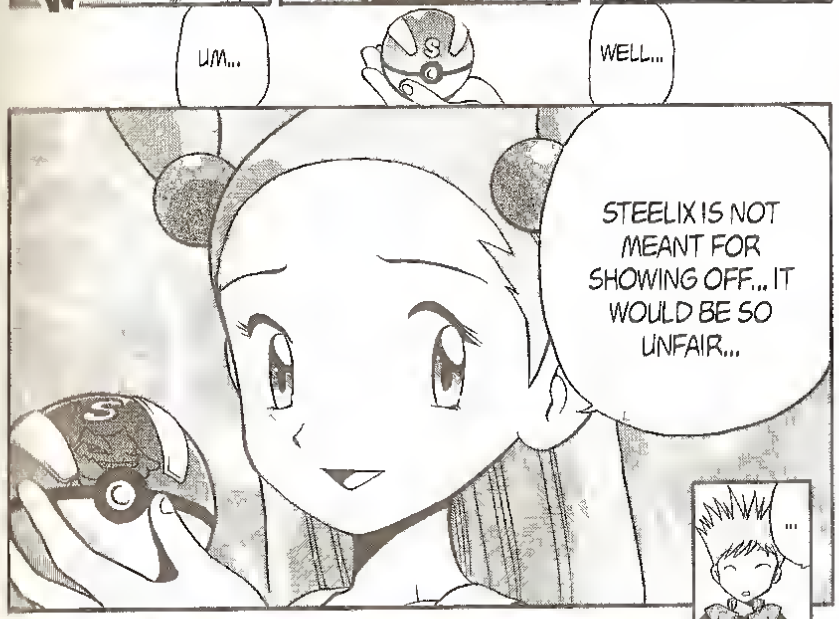

IT'S TEMPORARY NAME IS STEELIX.
MUMBLE
MUMBLE

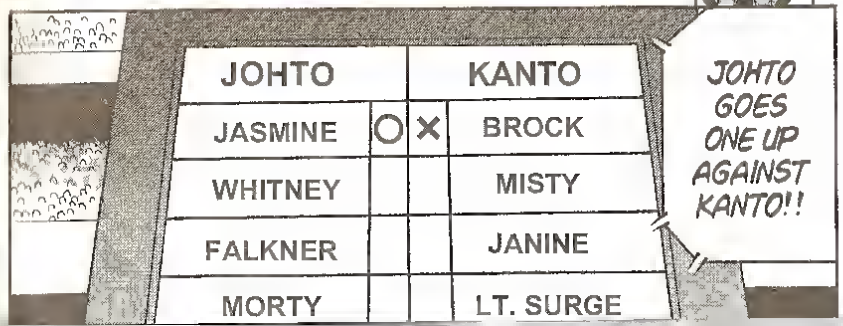

I'M IN THE MIDST OF PROPOSING THIS NEW STEEL TYPE POKÉMON.
THIS CATEGORY WILL INCLUDE FAMILIAR POKÉMON LIKE SKARMORY, MAGNEMITE AND MAGNETON.

ONIX'S BODY WILL GROW TO BECOME AS HARD AS DIAMOND WHEN IT LIVES UP TO 100 YEARS.


SO SHE'S THE EXPERT OF...
... THE NEW 'STEEL' TYPE !!


MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO CONCEAL ONIX IN THE BEGINNING?


UM...
WELL...
STEELIX IS NOT MEANT FOR SHOWING OFF... IT WOULD BE SO UNFAIR...
...


JOHTO
KANTO
JASMINE
BROCK
WHITNEY
MISTY
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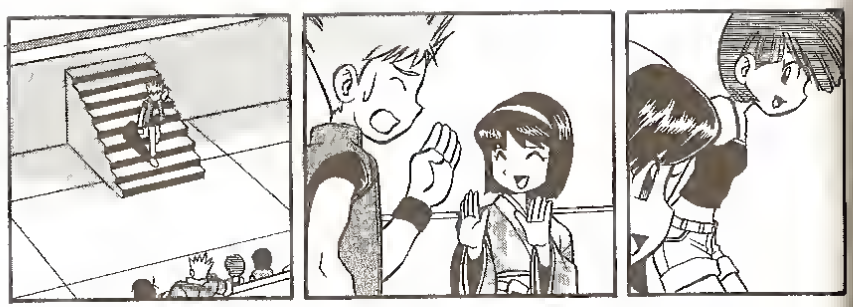
JANINE
MORTY
LT. SURGE
JOHTO GOES ONE UP AGAINST KANTO!!



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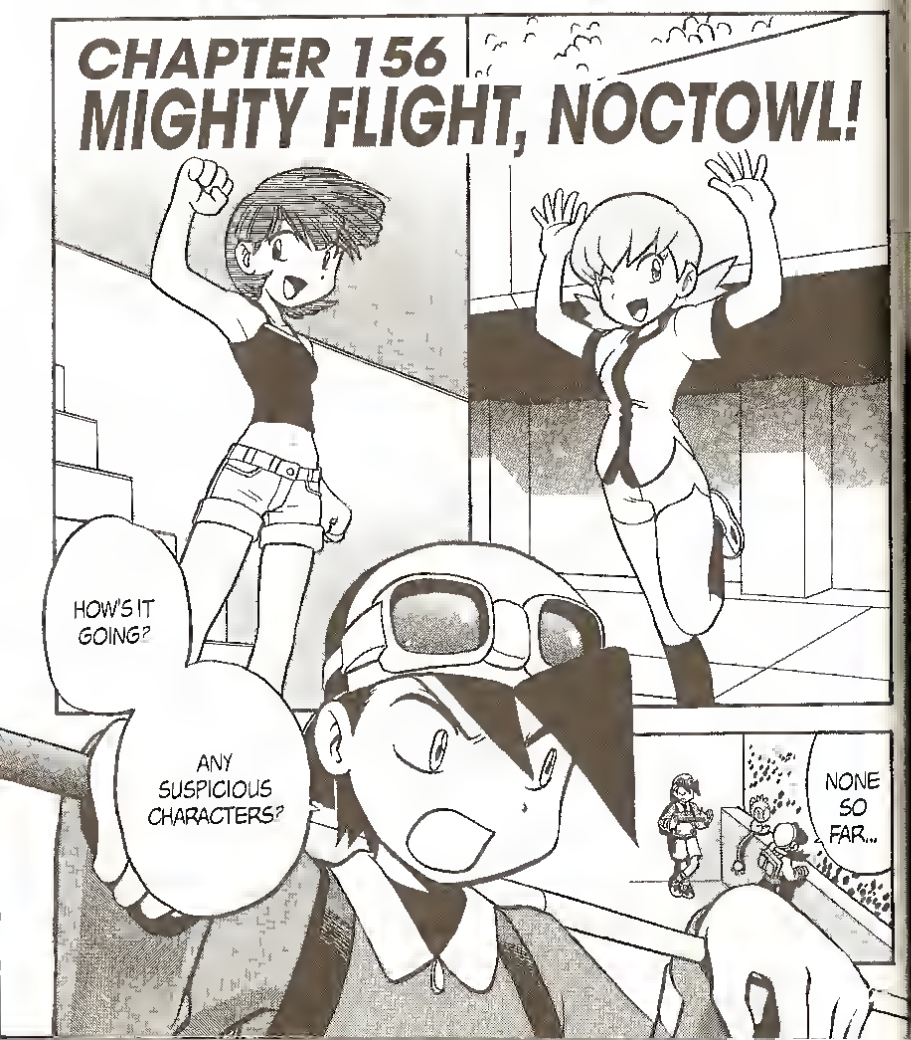
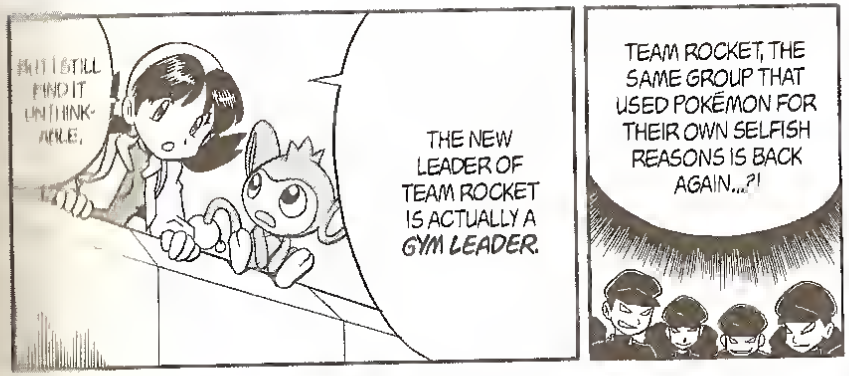
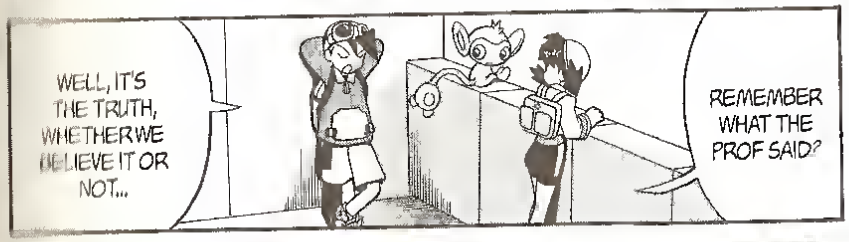
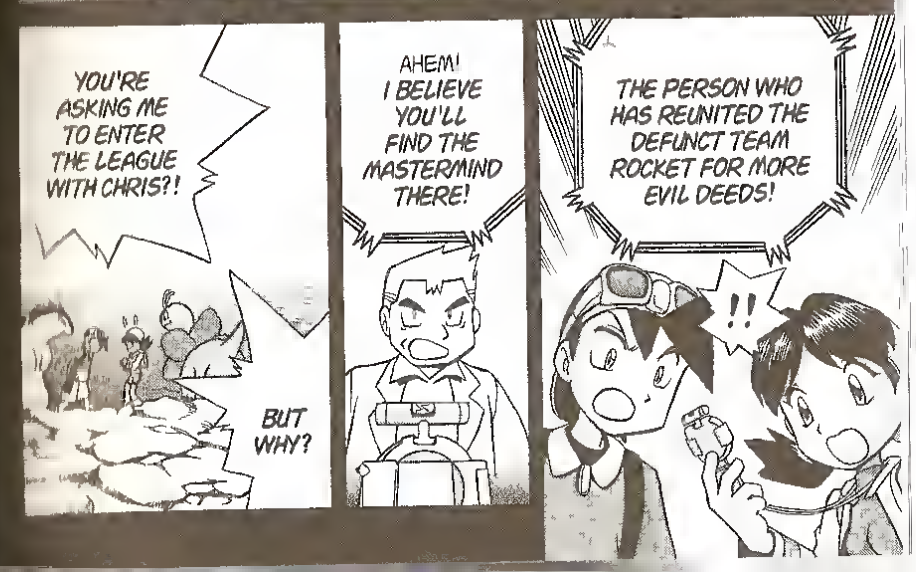
MIGHTY FLIGHT, NOCTOWL!

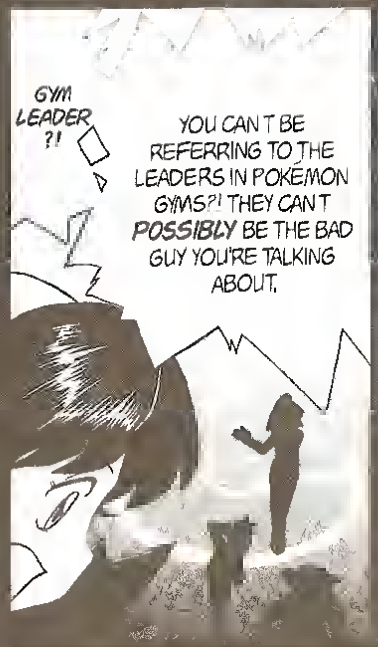


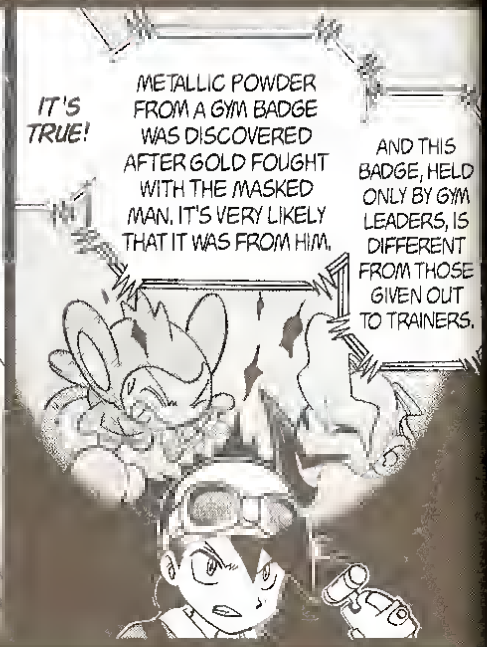

BUT I STILL FIND IT UNTHINKABLE.
THE NEW LEADER OF TEAM ROCKET IS ACTUALLY A GYM LEADER.
TEAM ROCKET, THE SAME GROUP THAT USED POKÉMON FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH REASONS IS BACK AGAIN...?!

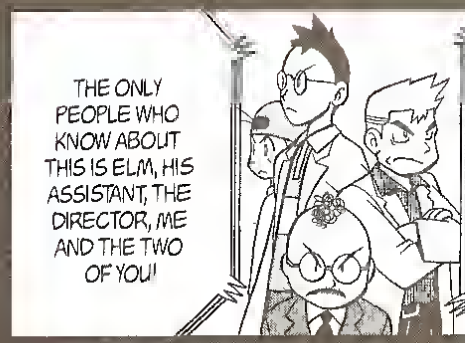


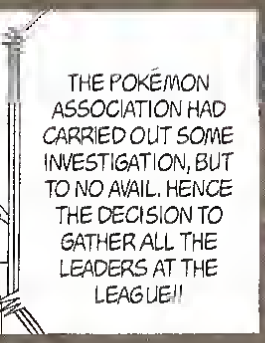

YOU'RE ASKING ME TO ENTER THE LEAGUE WITH CHRIS?!
BUT WHY?
AHEM! I BELIEVE YOU'LL FIND THE MASTERMIND THERE!
THE PERSON WHO HAS REUNITED THE DEFUNCT TEAM ROCKET FOR MORE EVIL DEEDS!
!!

ALTHOUGH THE NEW LEADER USUALLY WEARS A MASK TO CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY...
...I HAVE REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT HE'S ACTUALLY ONE OF THE GYM LEADERS!!

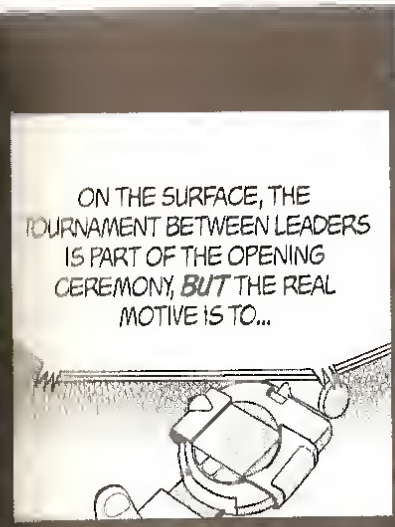

GYM LEADER ?!
YOU CAN'T BE REFERRING TO THE LEADERS IN POKÉMON GYMS?! THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THE BAD GUY YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.


IT'S TRUE!
METALLIC POWDER FROM A GYM BADGE WAS DISCOVERED AFTER GOLD FOUGHT WITH THE MASKED MAN. IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT IT WAS FROM HIM.
AND THIS BADGE, HELD ONLY BY GYM LEADERS, IS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE GIVEN OUT TO TRAINERS.

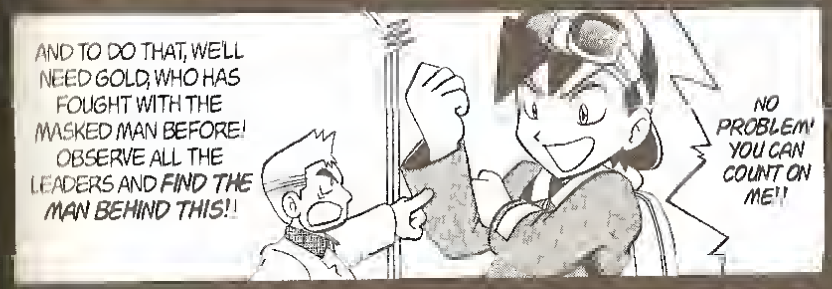

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT THIS IS ELM, HIS ASSISTANT, THE DIRECTOR, ME AND THE TWO OF YOU!

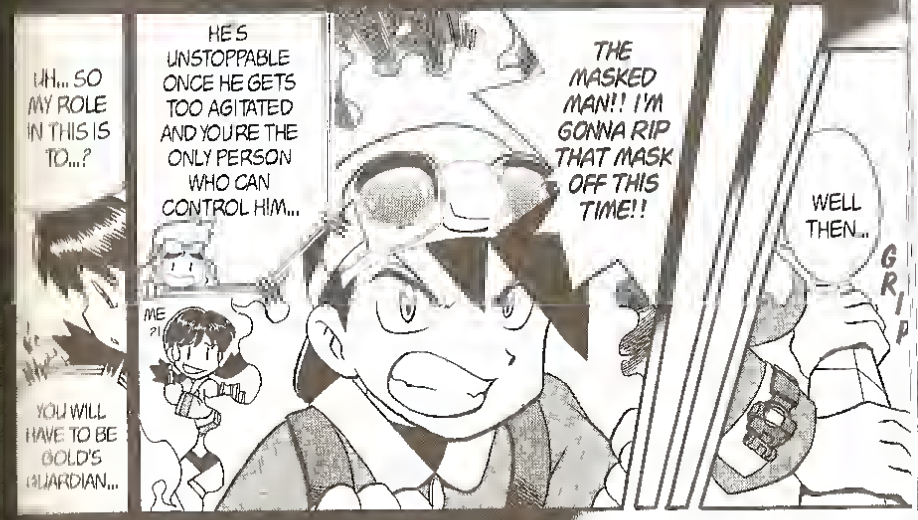

THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION HAD CARRIED OUT SOME INVESTIGATION, BUT TO NO AVAIL. HENCE THE DECISION TO GATHER ALL THE LEADERS AT THE LEAGUE!!

... YOU MEAN?!
YES !!

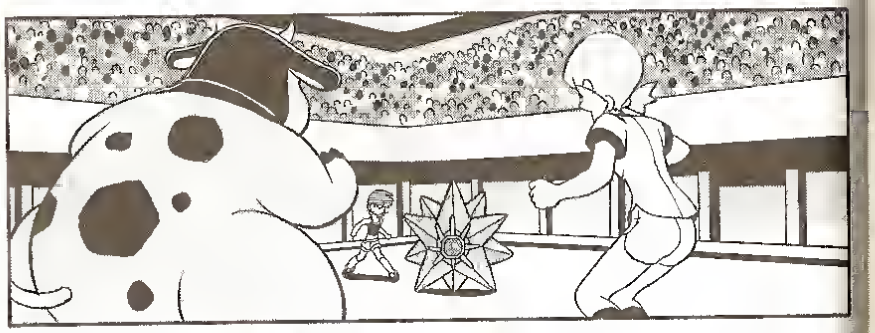

ON THE SURFACE, THE TOURNAMENT BETWEEN LEADERS IS PART OF THE OPENING CEREMONY, BUT THE REAL MOTIVE IS TO...

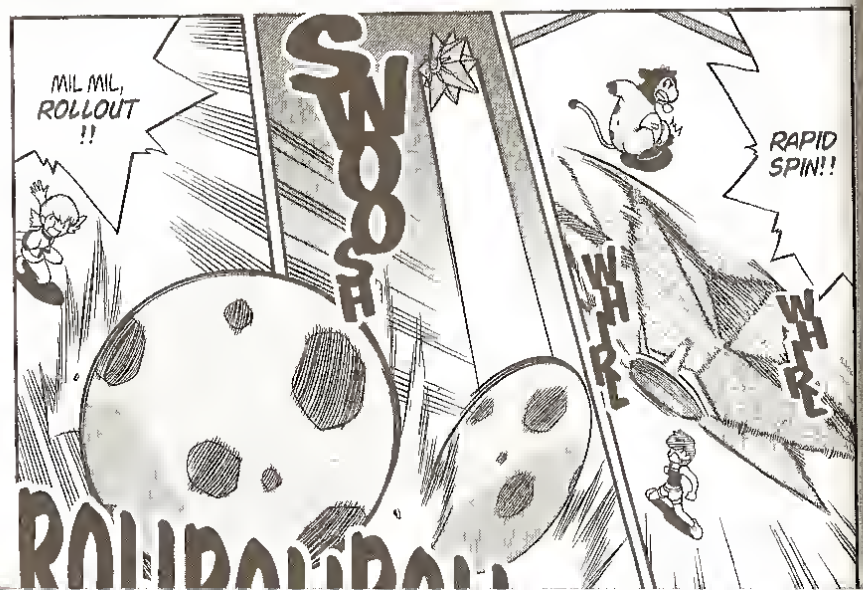
FIND THE REAL MASTERMIND !!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

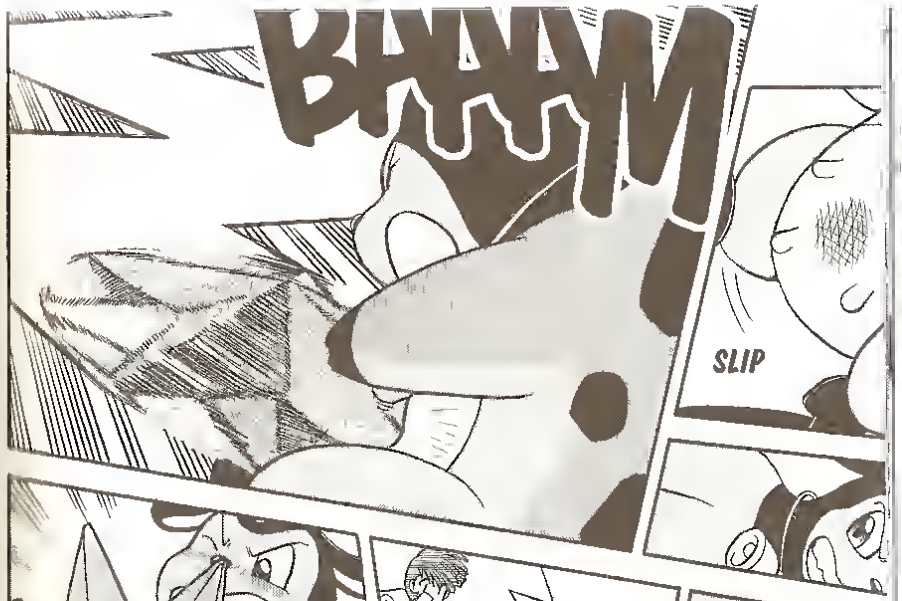

AND TO DO THAT, WE'LL NEED GOLD, WHO HAS FOUGHT WITH THE MASKED MAN BEFORE! OBSERVE ALL THE LEADERS AND FIND THE MAN BEHIND THIS!!
NO PROBLEM! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!!

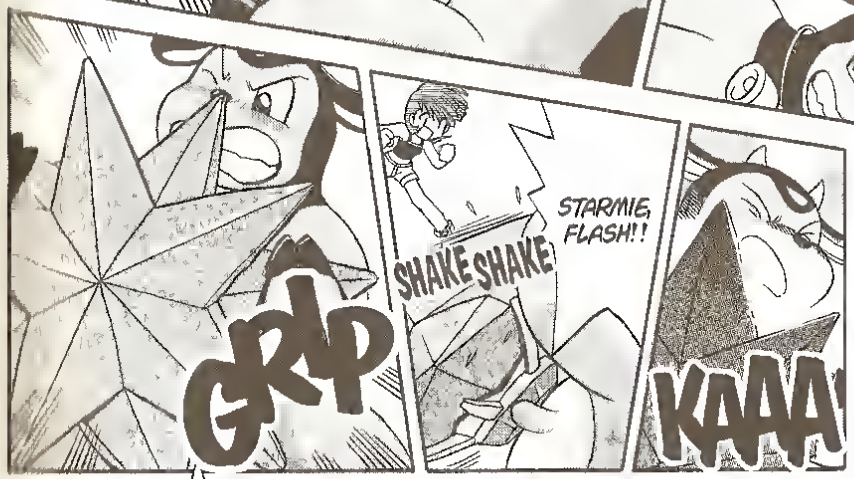

UH... SO MY ROLE IN THIS IS TO...?
YOU WILL HAVE TO BE GOLD'S GUARDIAN...
HE'S UNSTOPPABLE ONCE HE GETS TOO AGITATED AND YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN CONTROL HIM...
ME ?!
THE MASKED MAN!! I'M GONNA RIP THAT MASK OFF THIS TIME!!
WELL THEN...
GRIP

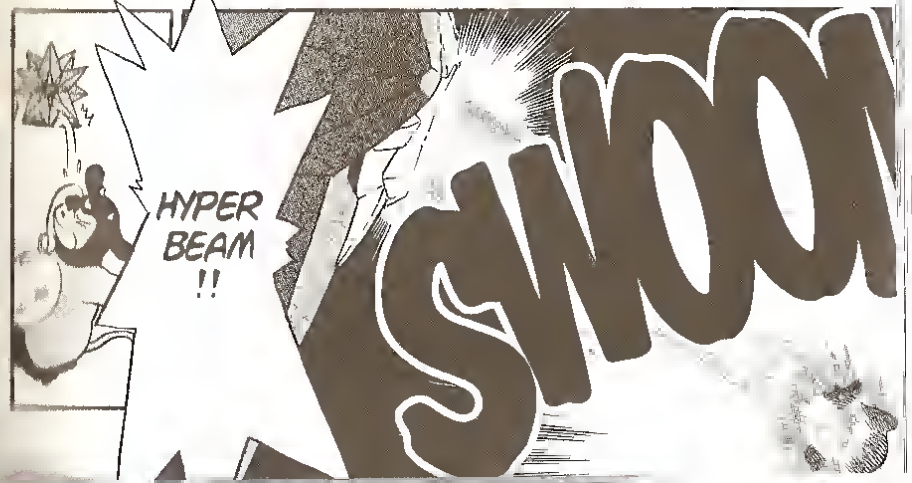
LEAP
LET'S GO ATARO! EXPLOTARO !!
SHHH! WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE SEEN!!
OUCH !
OOPS, SORRY ...
OH NO!

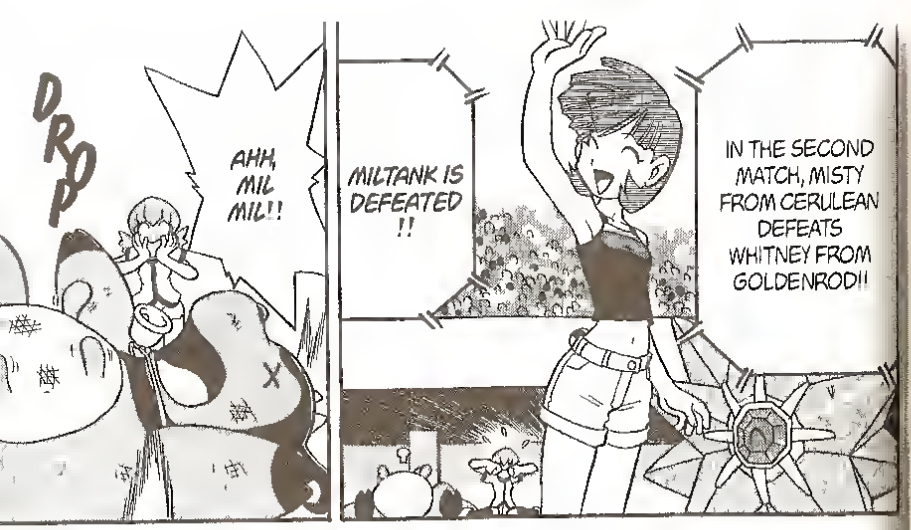


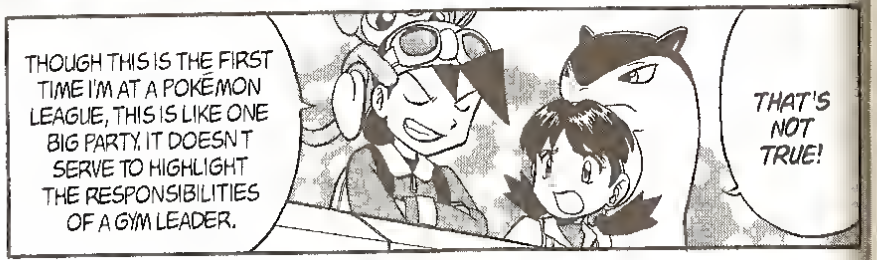

MIL MIL, ROLLOUT !!
SWOOSH
ROLLOUT
RAPID SPIN!!
WHIRL
WHIRL

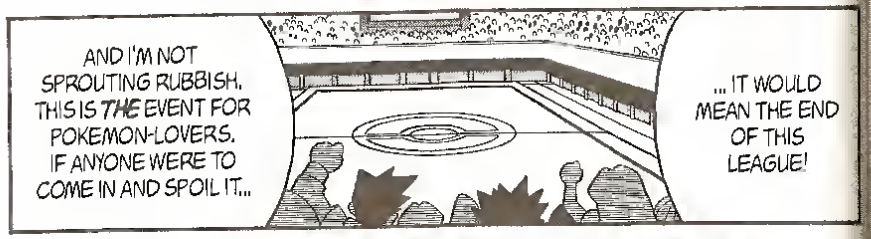

BHAAM
SLIP

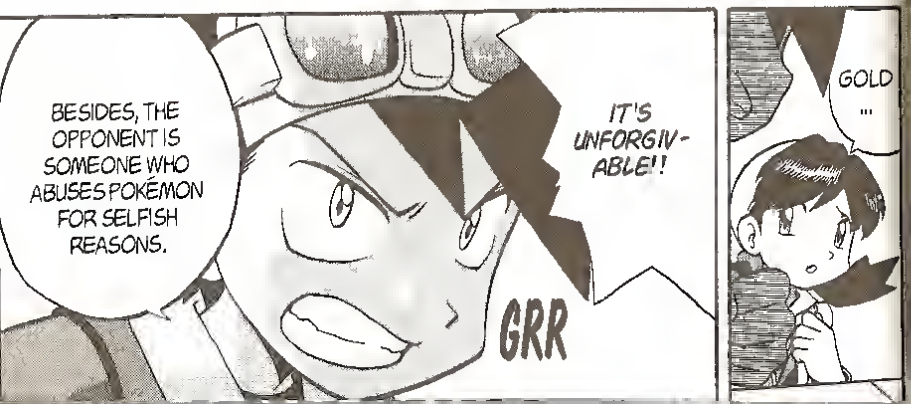

GRIP
SHAKE SHAKE
STARMIE, FLASH!!
KAAA

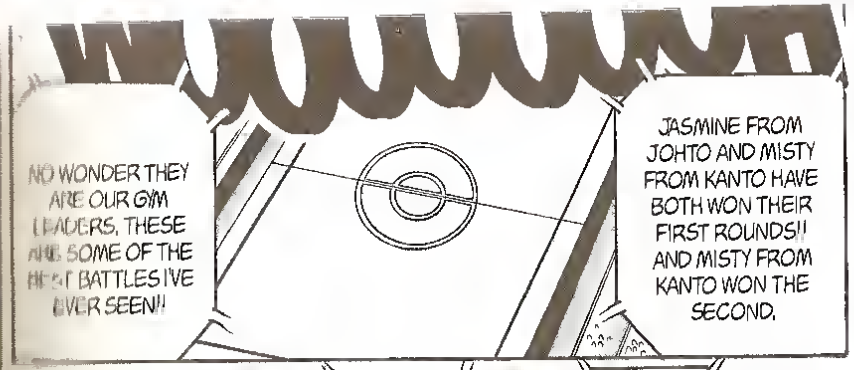

HYPER BEAM !!
SWOOSH

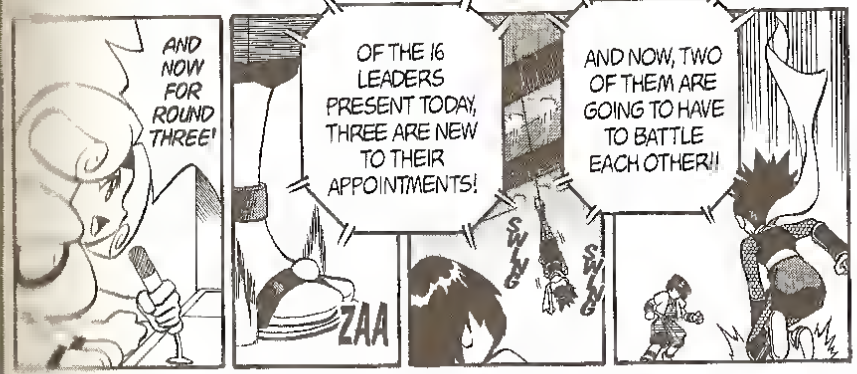

DRO
AHH, MIL MIL!!
MILTANK IS DEFEATED !!
IN THE SECOND MATCH, MISTY FROM CERULEAN DEFEATS WHITNEY FROM GOLDENROD!!

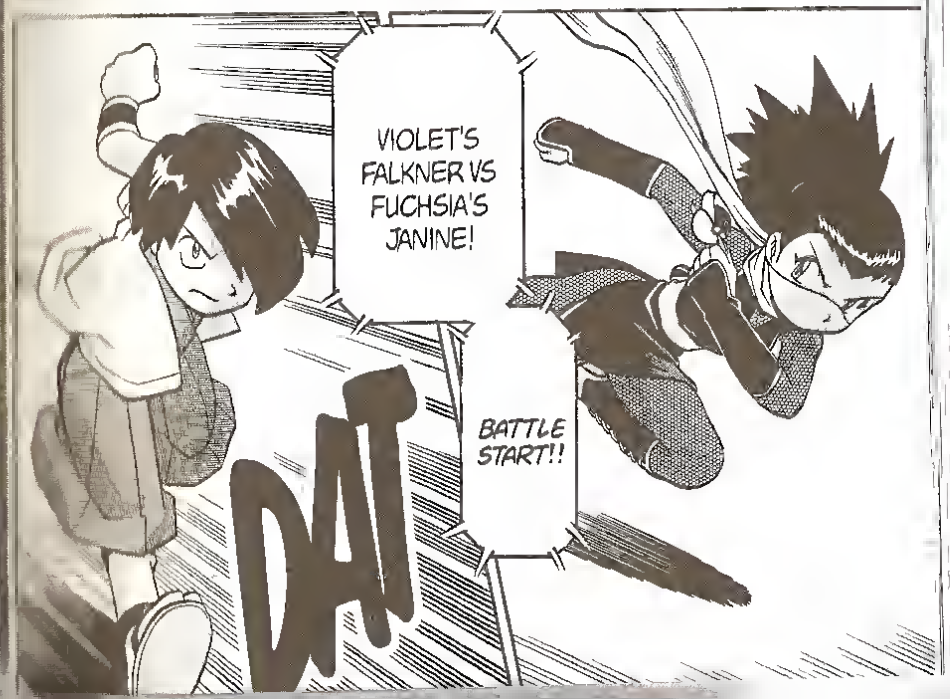

THOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M AT A POKÉMON LEAGUE, THIS IS LIKE ONE BIG PARTY. IT DOESN'T SERVE TO HIGHLIGHT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GYM LEADER.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!

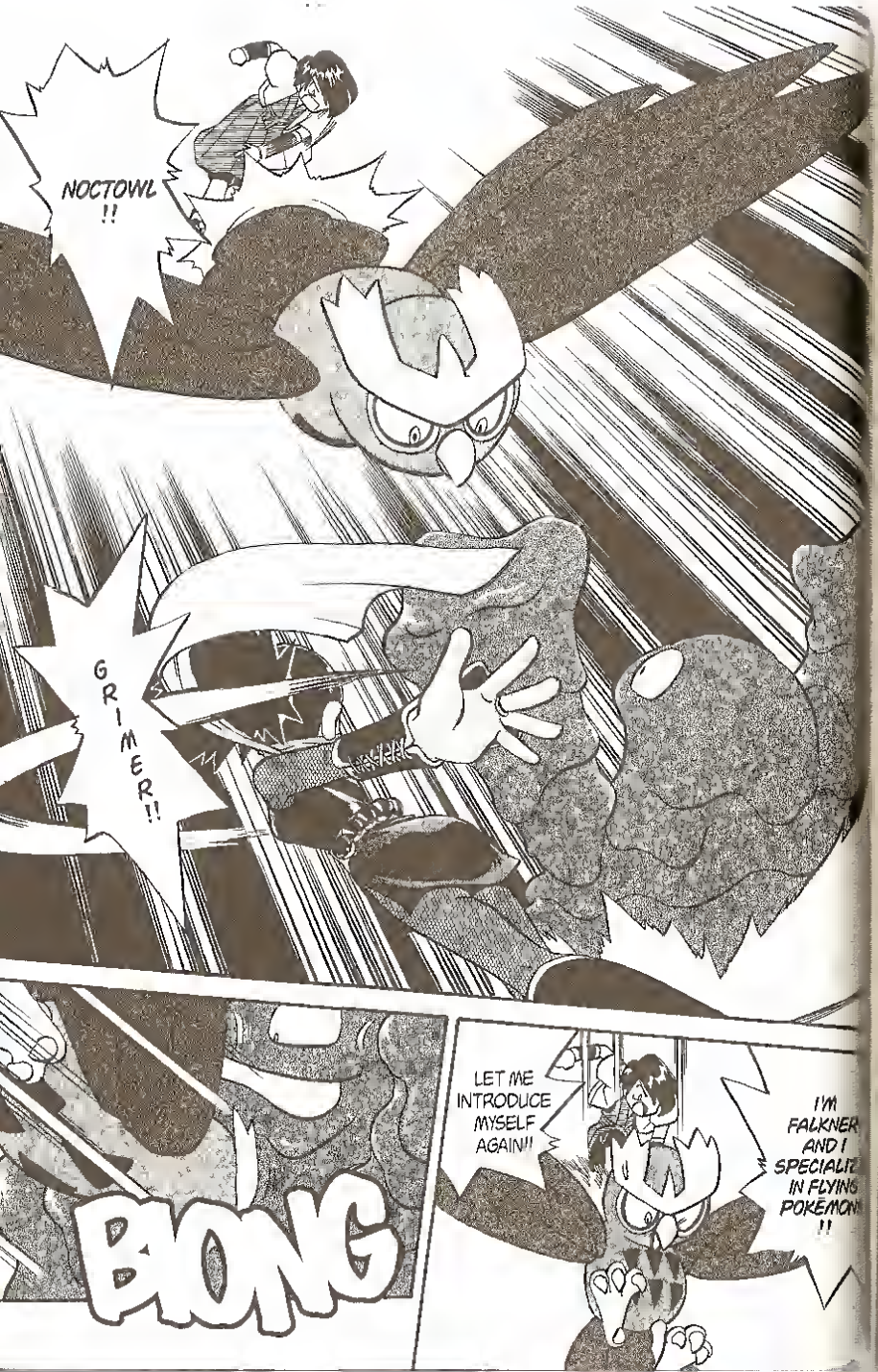

AND I'M NOT SPROUTING RUBBISH. THIS IS *THE* EVENT FOR POKEMON-LOVERS. IF ANYONE WERE TO COME IN AND SPOIL IT...
... IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THIS LEAGUE!


BESIDES, THE OPPONENT IS SOMEONE WHO ABUSES POKÉMON FOR SELFISH REASONS.
GRR
IT'S UNFORGIV-ABLE!!
GOLD ...


NO WONDER THEY ARE OUR GYM LEADERS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE BEST BATTLES I'VE EVER SEEN!!
JASMINE FROM JOHTO AND MISTY FROM KANTO HAVE BOTH WON THEIR FIRST ROUNDS!! AND MISTY FROM KANTO WON THE SECOND.

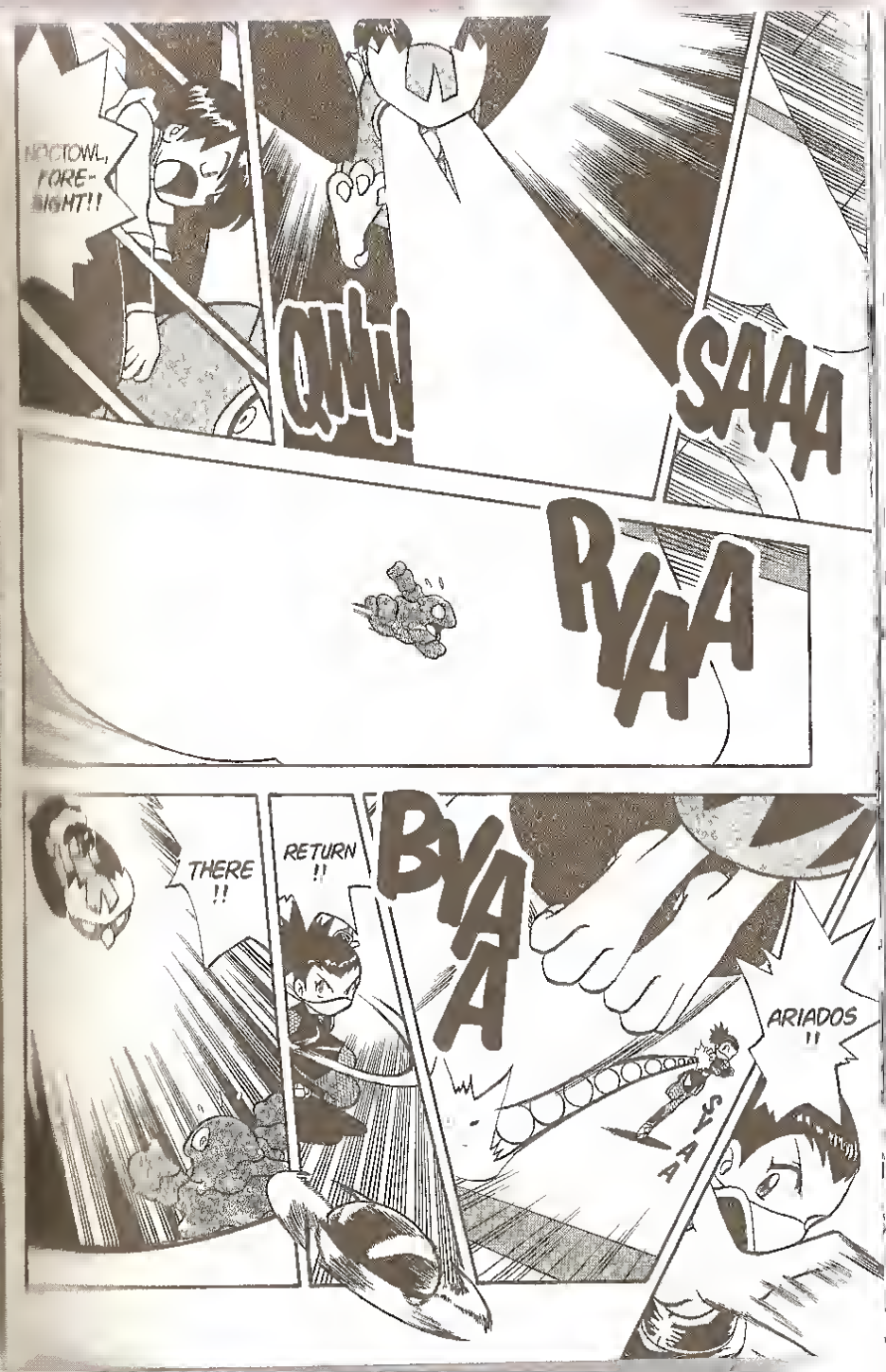

AND NOW FOR ROUND THREE!
OF THE 16 LEADERS PRESENT TODAY, THREE ARE NEW TO THEIR APPOINTMENTS!
ZAA
SWING
SWING
AND NOW, TWO OF THEM ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BATTLE EACH OTHER!!


VIOLET'S FALKNER VS FUCHSIA'S JANINE!
BATTLE START!!
DAT


NOCTOWL !!
GRIMER!!
BOING
LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN!!
I'M FALKNER AND I SPECIALIZE IN FLYING POKÉMON !!

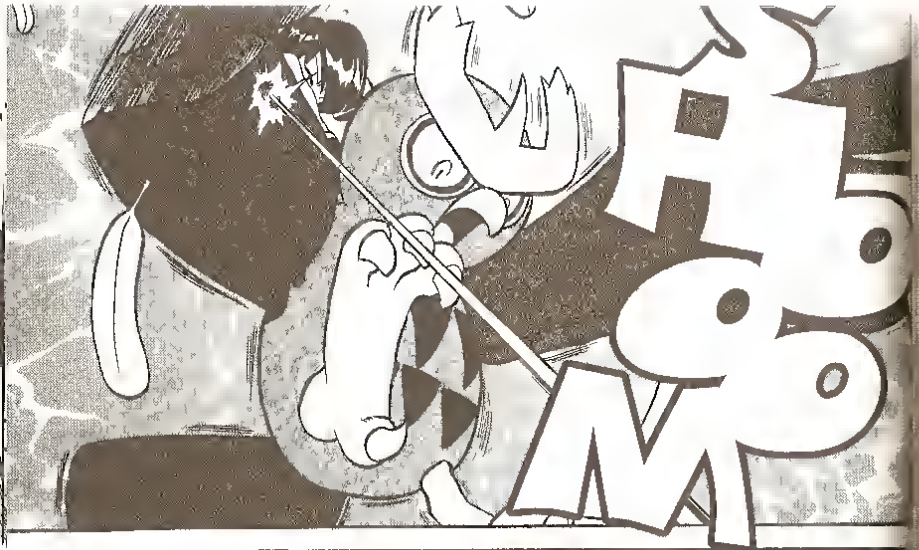
!!
HYAA
HYAAA
GRIMER IS GETTING SMALLER !!
IT'S MINIMIZE! THE POKÉMON SHRINKS ITSELF AND MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR OTHERS TO ATTACK IT!
IT'S DIVE !!
SHUFFLE
BOING

SLUDGE BOMB !!
SHE'S THE EXPERT OF POISON !!
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
ARGH !!
SWOOSH
JUST ONE HIT AND THAT'S IT!!
HER ATTACKS ARE MERCILESS!! AND GRIMER'S TOO SMALL... I CANNOT PIINPOINT THE DIRECTION OF THE ATTACKS!!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ATTACK !!
I CAN'T GO ON DODGING LIKE THIS!
I KNOW!
GRIP


NOCTOWL, FORE-SIGHT!!
QUAW
SAAA
RYAA
THERE !!
RETURN !!
BYAA
ARIADOS !!
SLAA

IT WON'T WORK NO MATTER WHICH POKËMON YOU USE!! I WON'T FALL FOR THE SAME TRICK!
I'M GONNA ENGAGE MY BEST FLYING ATTACKS!
BOOM
WHOOSH
TOT TOT
ZAW ZAW
I WON'T GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO ATTACK!!

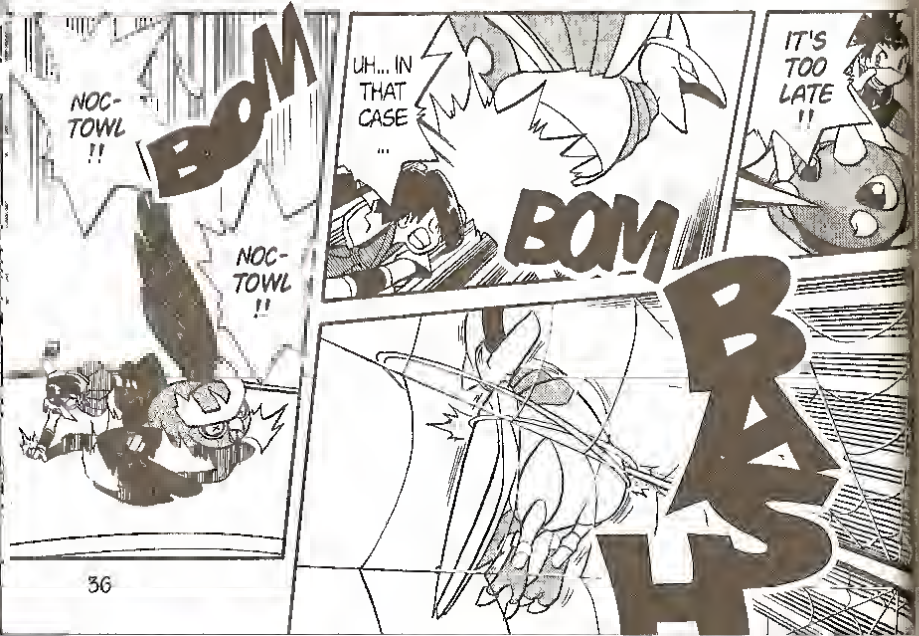
!!
WAIT!!
NOCTOWL, STOP!!
HA HA HA HA.
YOU STOPPED JUST IN TIME!
IF NOCTOWL HAD CRASHED INTO THAT INVISIBLE WEB, WE'D BE TRAPPED!
ARIADOS MANAGED TO SPIN THIS WEB WHILE BEING ATTACKED BY MY NOCTOWL!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!

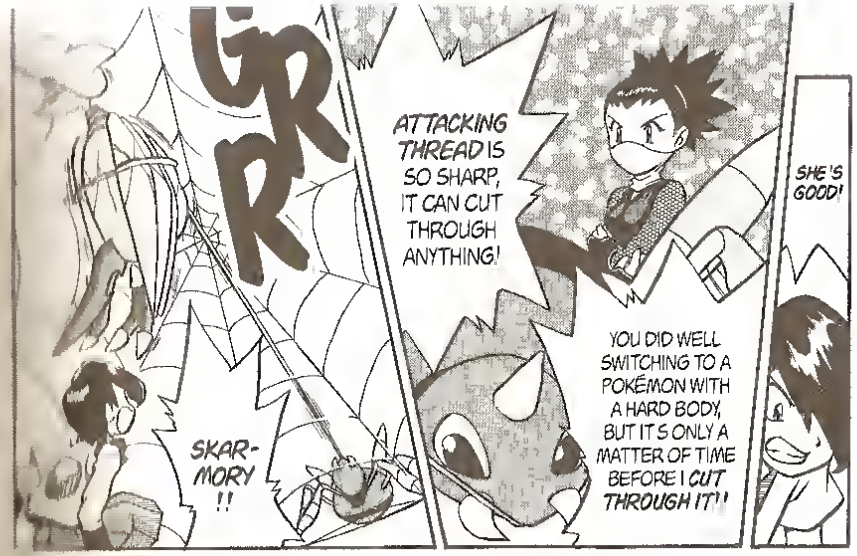


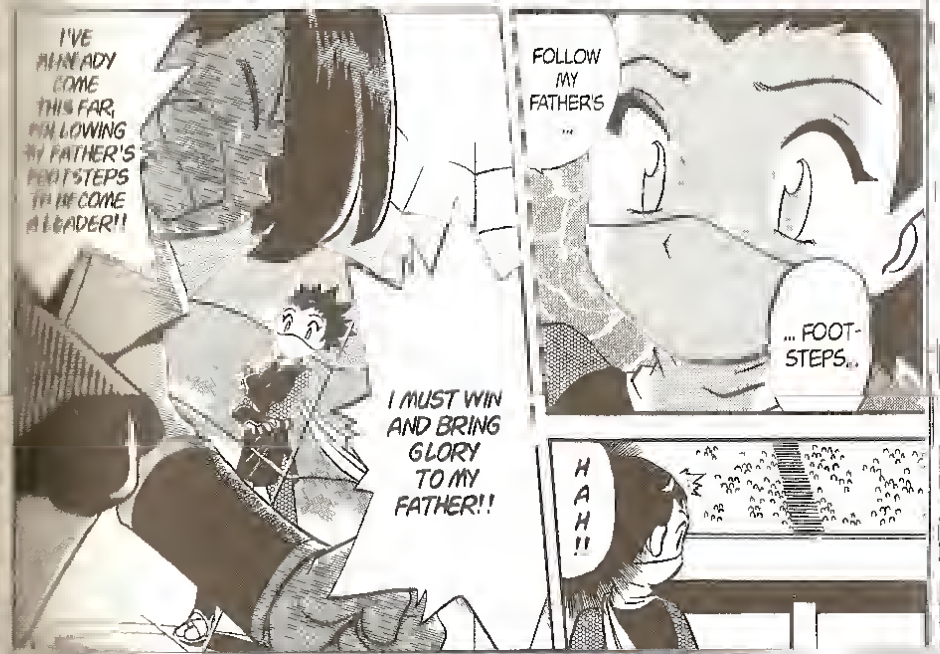
TO CREATE THE SPIDER WEB, ARIADOS HAS TO SPIN THE STICKY PROTECTION THREAD FROM ITS SPINNERET!!

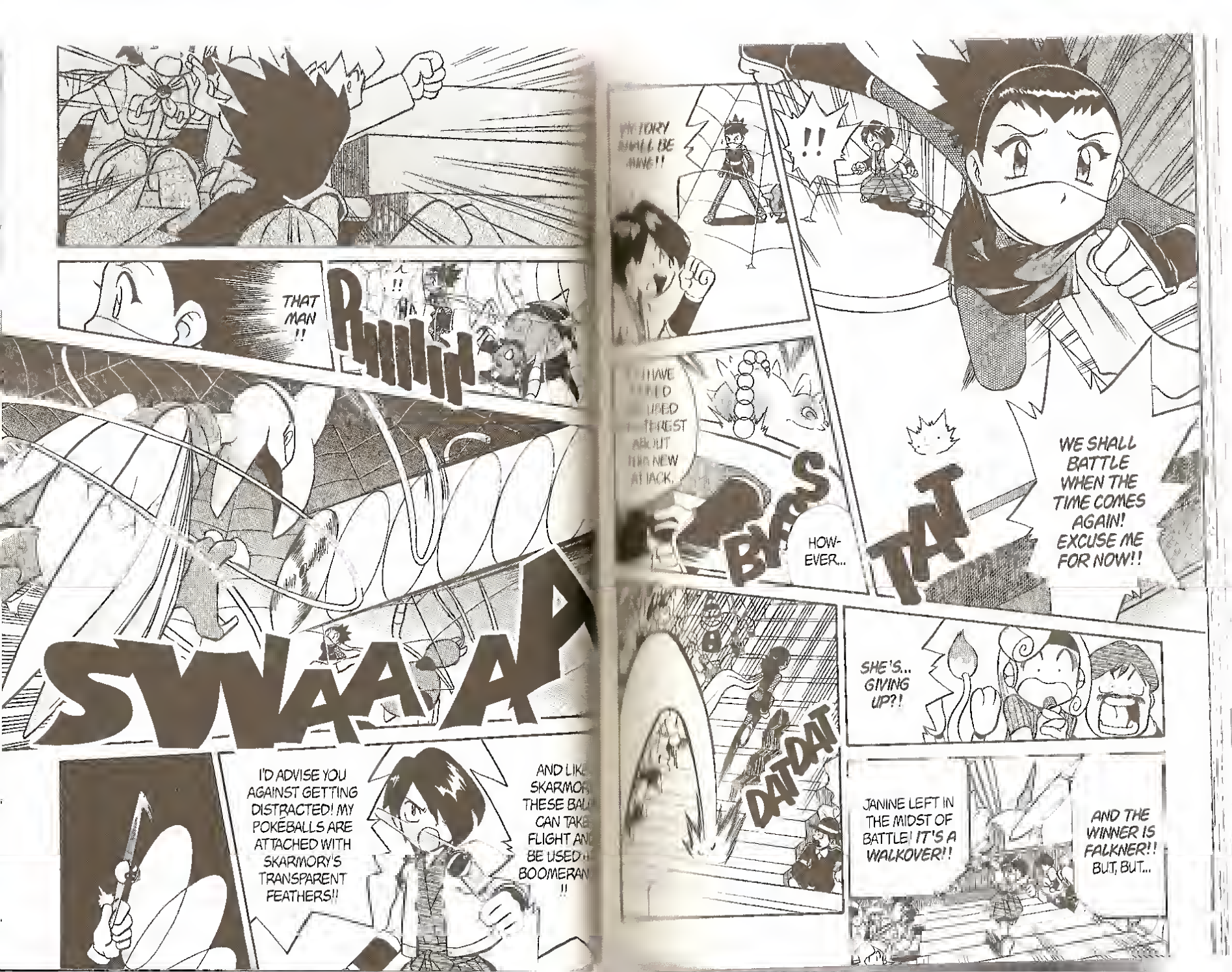
ARIADOS
LONG-LEGGED POKÉMON
HEIGHT 1'0"
WEIGHT 73.5 lbs.

ARIADOS CAN PRODUCE *ATTACKING THREAD* FROM ITS MOUTH!!




GRR
SKAR-MORY !!
ATTACKING THREAD IS SO SHARP, IT CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING!
YOU DID WELL SWITCHING TO A POKÉMON WITH A HARD BODY, BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I *CUT THROUGH IT*!!
SHE'S GOOD!


I'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR, FOLLOWING MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS TO BECOME A LEADER!!
I MUST WIN AND BRING GLORY TO MY FATHER!!
FOLLOW MY FATHER'S ...
... FOOT-STEPS..
HAH!!


!!
VICTORY SHALL BE MINE!!
WE SHALL BATTLE WHEN THE TIME COMES AGAIN! EXCUSE ME FOR NOW!!
TA
HOW-EVER...
BYAS
SHE'S... GIVING UP?!
DAT-DAT
JANINE LEFT IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE! IT'S A WALKOVER!!
AND THE WINNER IS FALKNER!!
BUT, BUT...
THAT MAN !!
!!
RHHHH
SWAAAP
I'D ADVISE YOU AGAINST GETTING DISTRACTED! MY POKÉBALLS ARE ATTACHED WITH SKARMORY'S TRANSPARENT FEATHERS!!
AND LIKE SKARMOR THESE BAL CAN TAKE FLIGHT AN BE USED BOOMERAN !!

PANT
PANT
I CAN'T BE WRONG ...
THAT WAS MY FATHER...
PANT! PANT! HEY WAIT UP! WHAT HAPPENED ...?
?!
... FALKNER, PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
FORGIVE MY SUDDEN DEPARTURE... |...
EH, IT'S OK...
YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU'D FOLLOW YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND BECAME A LEADER
IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE FOUGHT WITH A SIMILAR OPPONENT AGAIN.
SIGH... I GUESS THIS IS MY FATE...

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ASKING YOU WHAT YOU SAW AMONGST THE SPECTATORS...
BUT...
I HAVE THIS BAD FEELING THAT THERE'S SOME FORCE THAT IS INFLUENCING THIS ENTIRE HALL.
IF IT'S AN UNINVITED INTRUDER, I'LL LOCATE HIM, NO MATTER WHAT!!
I'M A POLICE OFFICER AFTER ALL!!
SHE'S THE LEADER FROM VIOLET ...
YEAH.
SURGE AND SABRINA WERE ONCE OUR ENEMIES. NOW THEY SEEM TOTALLY AT EASE AS KANTO'S REPRESENTATIVES.
THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION HAD CLOSED THE CASE, CITING INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.
THEY HAVE MADE THEIR WAY HERE TO TAKE PART IN THE LEAGUE, SEEMINGLY UNDISTURBED BY THEIR PAST.

HAH! FINALLY! IT'S MY TURN! C'MON, CHEER FOR ME!!
YEA!
...
ERMM... SABRINA
...I HEARD YOU'VE BEEN TO THE HOT SPRING IN MT. SILVER TO TREAT YOUR INJURIES...
...
THE WINNER OF THE LAST LEAGUE, RED WAS ALSO HEADED FOR THE SAME MT. SILVER.
AS CAPTAIN OF THE KANTO TEAM, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU IF YOU'VE SEEN RED AT THE HOT SPRING?
WELL...
...I DID MEET HIM.... WHAT ABOUT IT?

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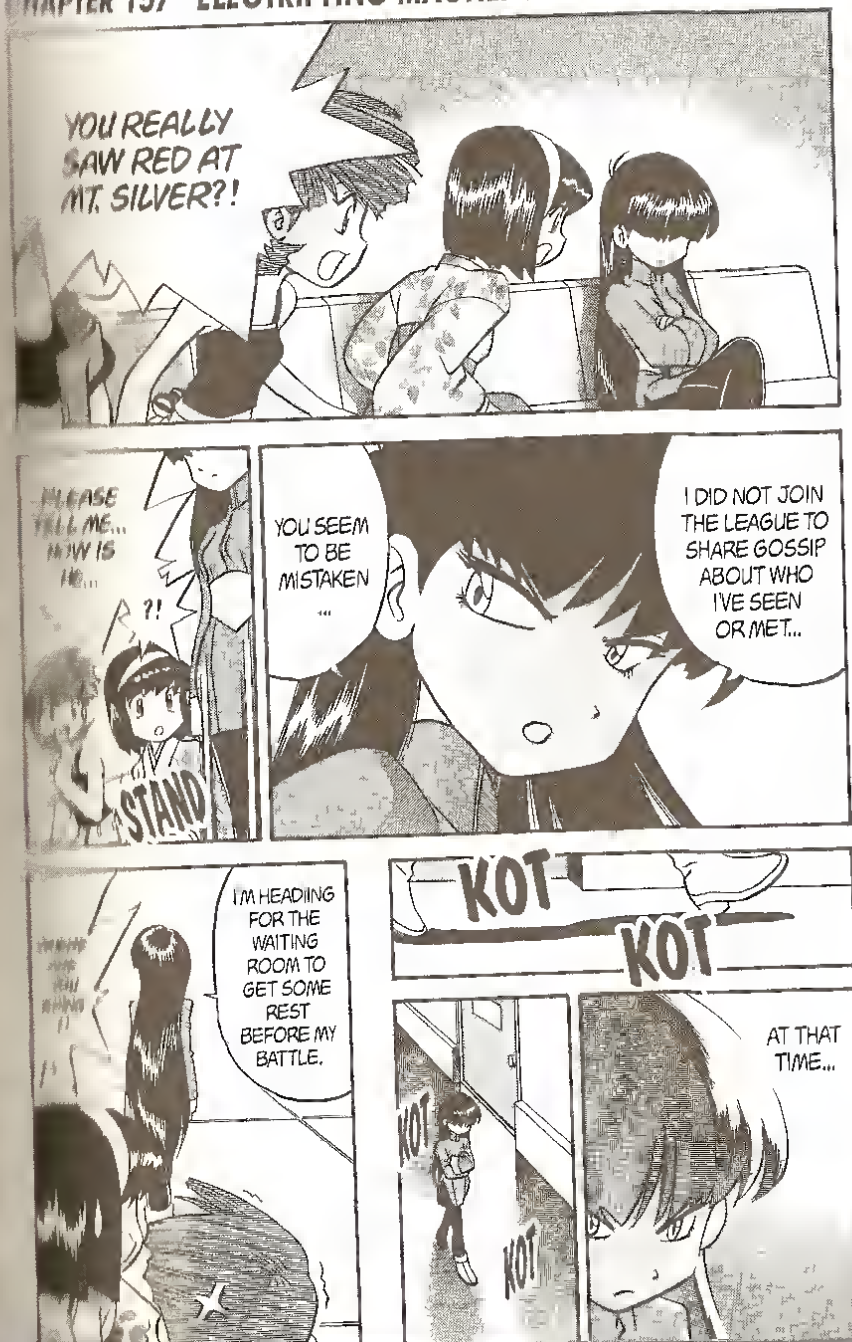
YOU REALLY SAW RED AT MT. SILVER?!
PLEASE TELL ME... HOW IS HE...
?!
STAND
YOU SEEM TO BE MISTAKEN ...
I DID NOT JOIN THE LEAGUE TO SHARE GOSSIP ABOUT WHO I'VE SEEN OR MET...
I'M HEADING FOR THE WAITING ROOM TO GET SOME REST BEFORE MY BATTLE.
KOT
KOT
KOT
KOT
AT THAT TIME...

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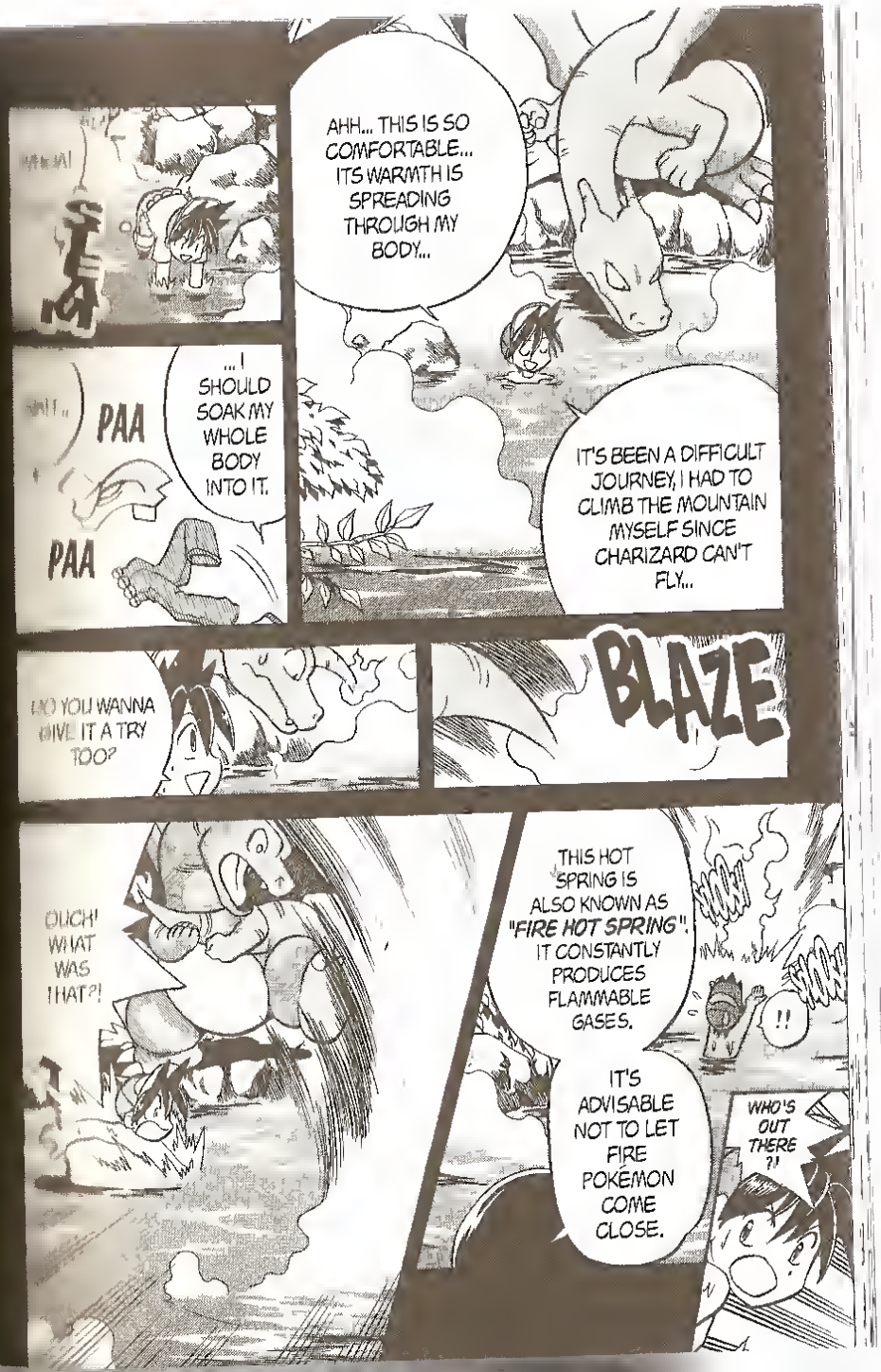
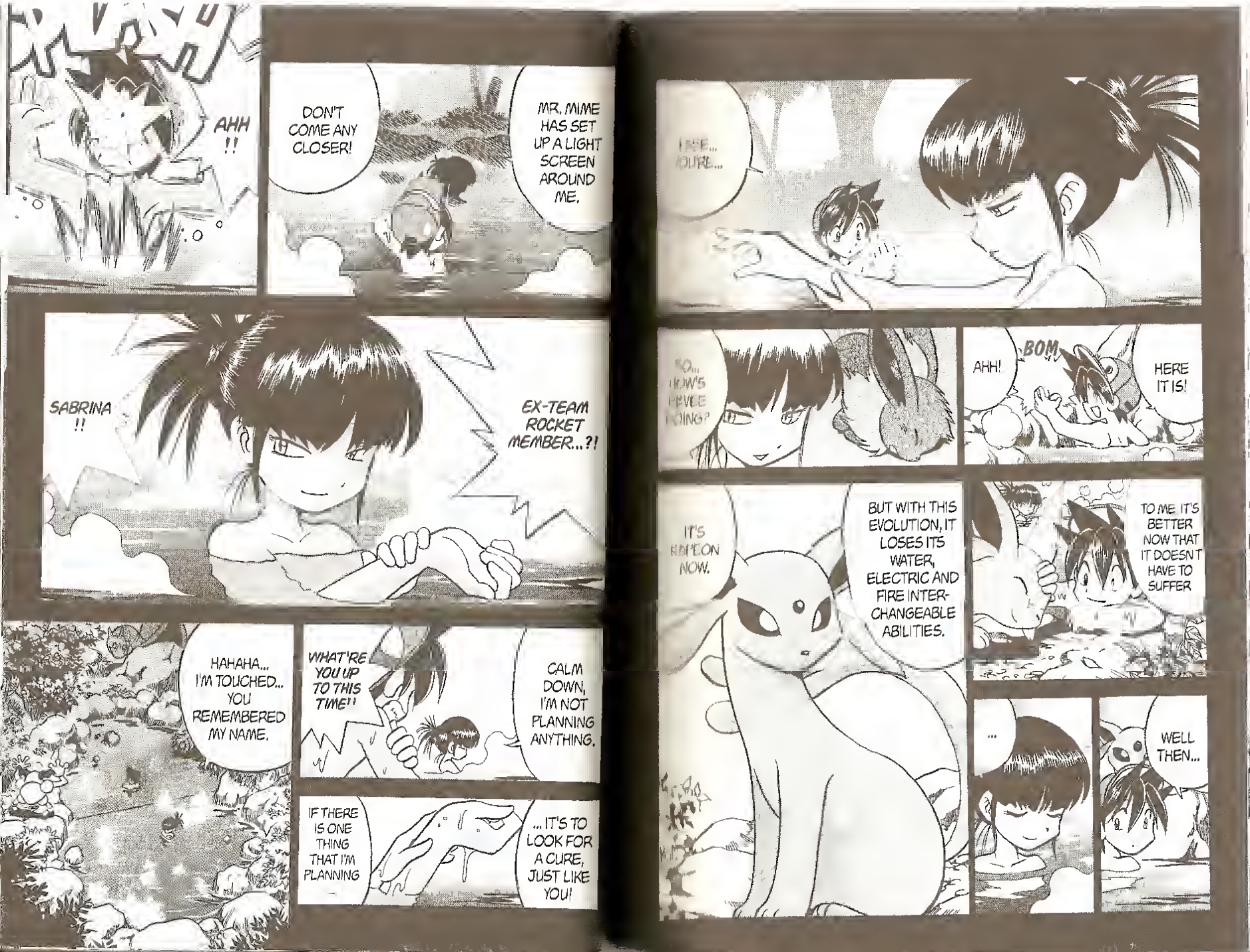
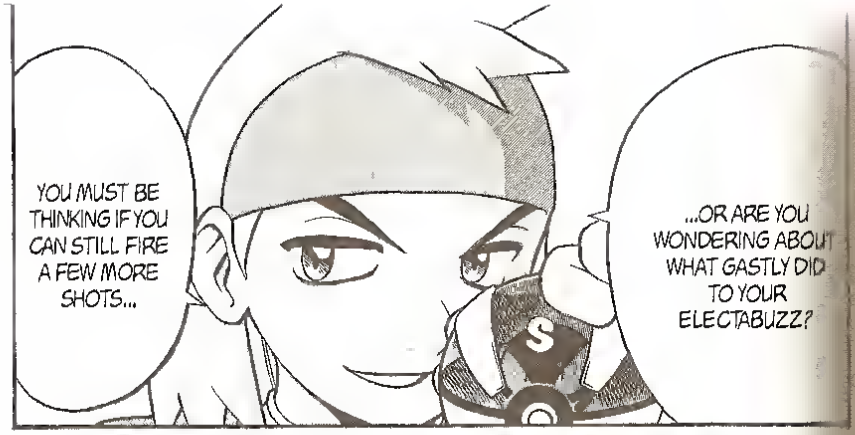
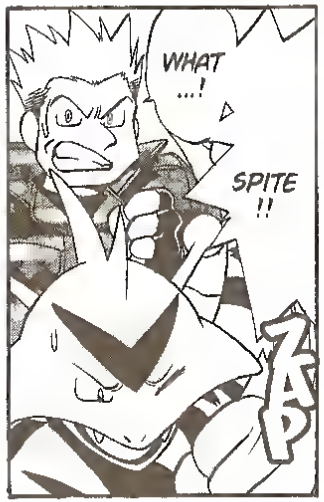

AHH... THIS IS SO COMFORTABLE... ITS WARMTH IS SPREADING THROUGH MY BODY...
IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT JOURNEY, I HAD TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN MYSELF SINCE CHARIZARD CAN'T FLY...
...I SHOULD SOAK MY WHOLE BODY INTO IT.
PAA
PAA
DO YOU WANNA GIVE IT A TRY TOO?
BLAZE
OUCH! WHAT WAS THAT?!
THIS HOT SPRING IS ALSO KNOWN AS "FIRE HOT SPRING". IT CONSTANTLY PRODUCES FLAMMABLE GASES.
IT'S ADVISABLE NOT TO LET FIRE POKÉMON COME CLOSE.
!!
WHO'S OUT THERE?!

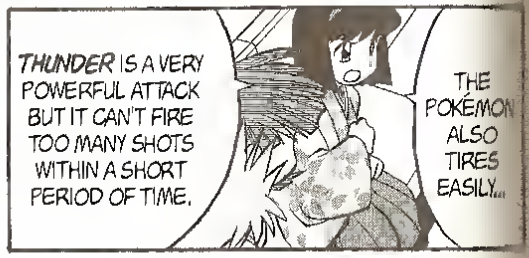

AHH !!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
MR. MIME HAS SET UP A LIGHT SCREEN AROUND ME.
SABRINA !!
EX-TEAM ROCKET MEMBER...?!
HAHAHA... I'M TOUCHED... YOU REMEMBERED MY NAME.
WHAT'RE YOU UP TO THIS TIME!!
CALM DOWN, I'M NOT PLANNING ANYTHING.
IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT I'M PLANNING
... IT'S TO LOOK FOR A CURE, JUST LIKE YOU!
I SEE... YOU'RE...
"O... HOW'S EEVEE DOING?
AHH!
BOM
HERE IT IS!
IT'S ESPEON NOW.
BUT WITH THIS EVOLUTION, IT LOSES ITS WATER, ELECTRIC AND FIRE INTER-CHANGEABLE ABILITIES.
TO ME IT'S BETTER NOW THAT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO SUFFER
...
WELL THEN...

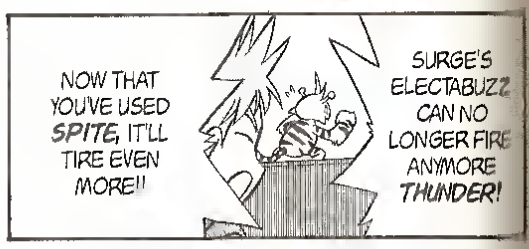
STAND
I'M DONE WITH MY TREATMENT.
WAH!
I'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION HAS CALLED FOR AN URGENT GATHERING CONCERNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE. I'M RUSHING THERE NOW.
POKÉMON ASSOCIAT-ION? URGENT?
SHUMMM
BUT HEY! I'VE ONLY JUST ARRIVED! THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE LEAGUE!!
GANG
IF YOU PLAN ON GOING TOO, YOU'D BETTER HURRY.
SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN AT THIS LEAGUE.
THIS IS...?!
SOME-THING...? WHAT?!
HOW'D YOU KNOW?!
SWING
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
BOM
I'M SABRINA, THE EXPERT OF PSYCHIC! I KNEW ALL ALONG THAT YOU WERE COMING.
GALOP
WAIT, WAIT !!
LOOKING FOR A FASTER CURE? THERE'S ANOTHER HOT SPRING WHICH HELPS HEAL INJURIES, BUT THE JOURNEY THERE IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER. IF YOU WISH TO GO, THIS SPOON WILL LEAD THE WAY.
SPOON OF FATE...

WHEN DID I START BEING SO KIND TO HIM...
MMM... MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF GIOVANNI...
HUH?
SURGE'S BATTLE IS STARTING !!
THUNDER!!
THUNDER!!
WOOAH
ZAP
ZAPZAPZAPZAP
ZAAAP
WAHHAHA!! THIS IS FINAL! IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR POKEMON CAN NO LONGER BATTLE!!
LET'S END THIS!!
SILENCE
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG ?!

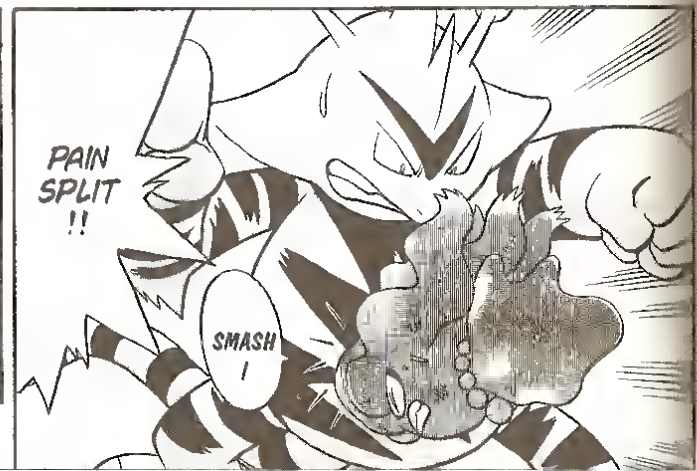

YOU MUST BE THINKING IF YOU CAN STILL FIRE A FEW MORE SHOTS...
...OR ARE YOU WONDERING ABOUT WHAT GASTLY DID TO YOUR ELECTABUZZ?

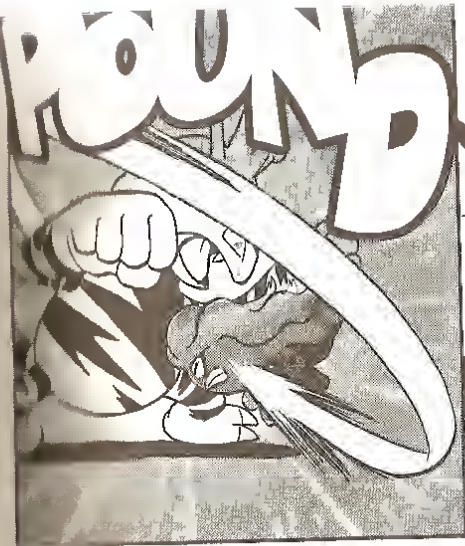

WHAT ...!
SPITE !!
ZAP


THUNDER IS A VERY POWERFUL ATTACK BUT IT CAN'T FIRE TOO MANY SHOTS WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
THE POKÉMON ALSO TIRES EASILY...


NOW THAT YOU'VE USED SPITE, IT'LL TIRE EVEN MORE!!
SURGE'S ELECTABUZZ CAN NO LONGER FIRE ANYMORE THUNDER!

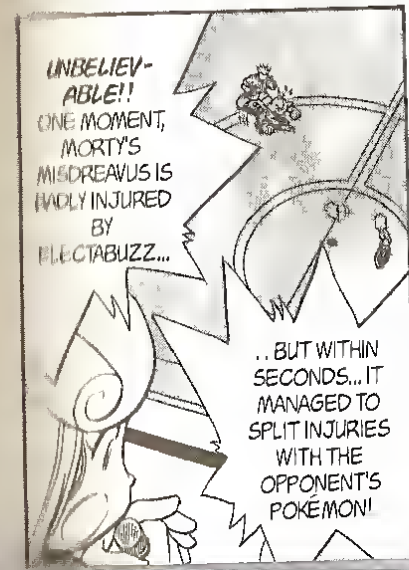
AND..


PAIN SPLIT !!
SMASH !

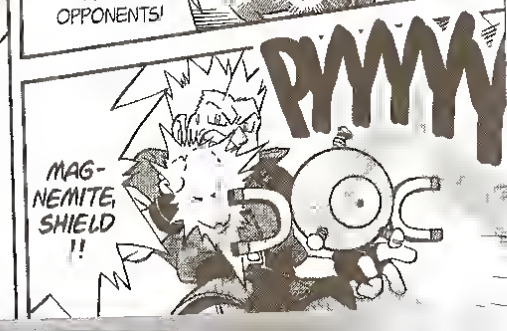

POUND

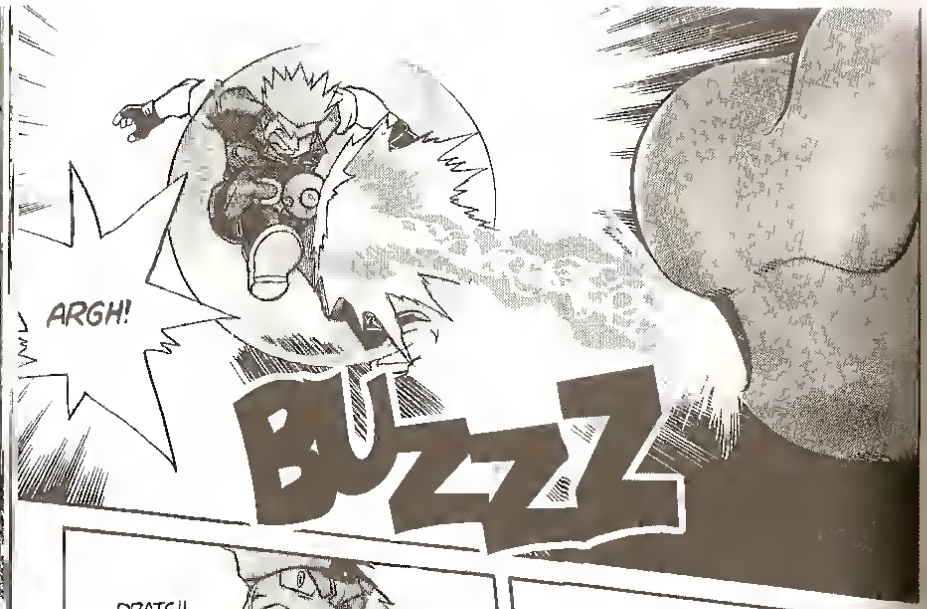
AHH
WHA... WHAT DID YOU DO ?!

IN PAIN SPLIT... MY INJURED MISDREAVUS SHARES ITS INJURIES WITH YOUR ENERGETIC ELECTABUZZ.
THIS ATTACK AVERAGES THE ENERGY LEVELS BETWEEN TWO POKÉMON WITH DIFFERENT DAMAGE LEVEL.

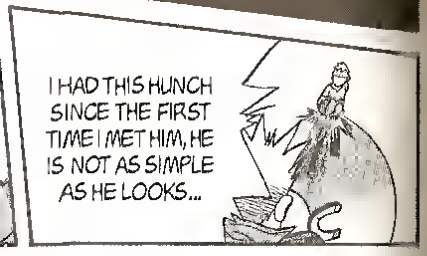

UNBELIEV-ABLE!! ONE MOMENT, MORTY'S MISDREAVUS IS BADLY INJURED BY ELECTABUZZ...
..BUT WITHIN SECONDS... IT MANAGED TO SPLIT INJURIES WITH THE OPPONENT'S POKÉMON!

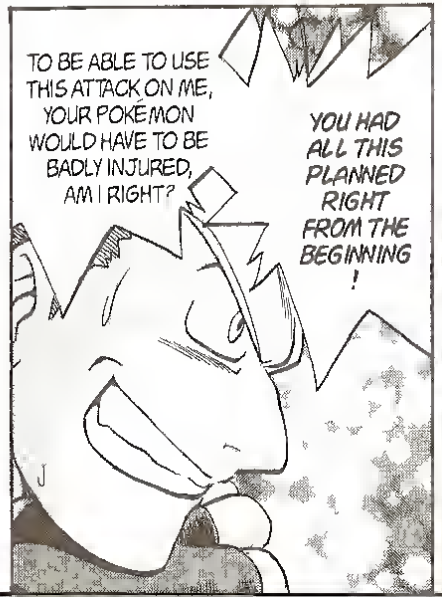
I'M THE EXPERT OF GHOST POKÉMON!! WE'RE THE BEST WHEN IT COMES TO STEALING TECHNIQUES AND ENERGY FROM OPPONENTS!
MIS-DREAVUS, PSY-WAVE !!

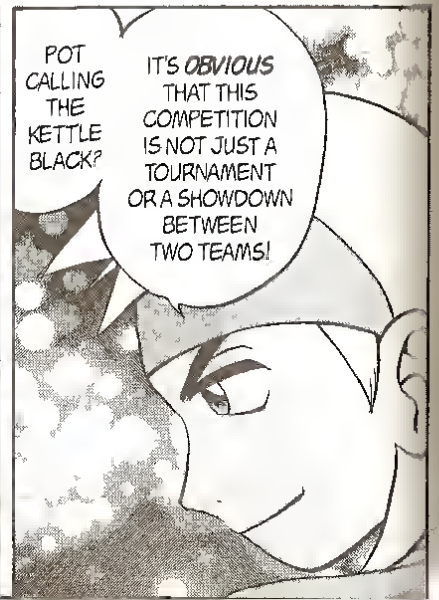

PYYYY
MAG-NEMITE, SHIELD !!
POC

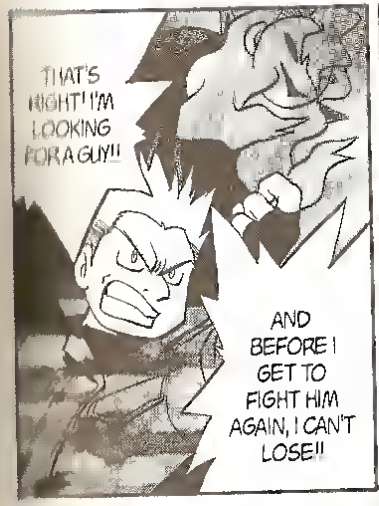

ARGH!
BUZZZ

DRATS!! FORTUNATELY I SHIELDED MYSELF IN TIME!!

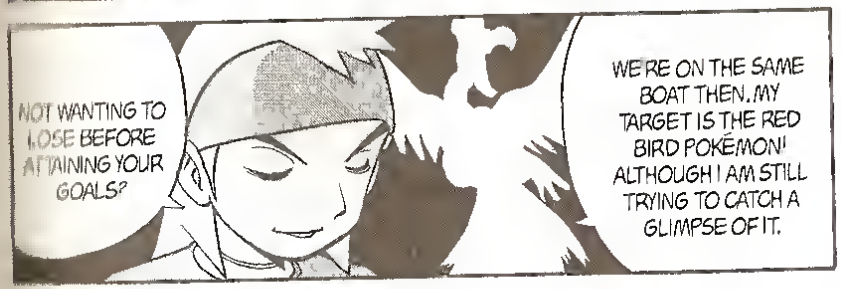

I HAD THIS HUNCH SINCE THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM, HE IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS HE LOOKS...

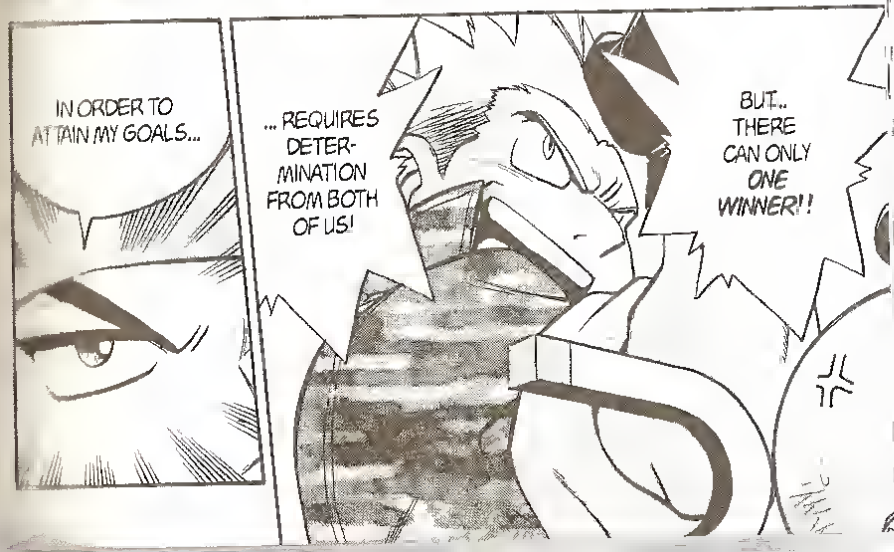

TO BE ABLE TO USE THIS ATTACK ON ME, YOUR POKÉMON WOULD HAVE TO BE BADLY INJURED, AM I RIGHT?
YOU HAD ALL THIS PLANNED RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING!

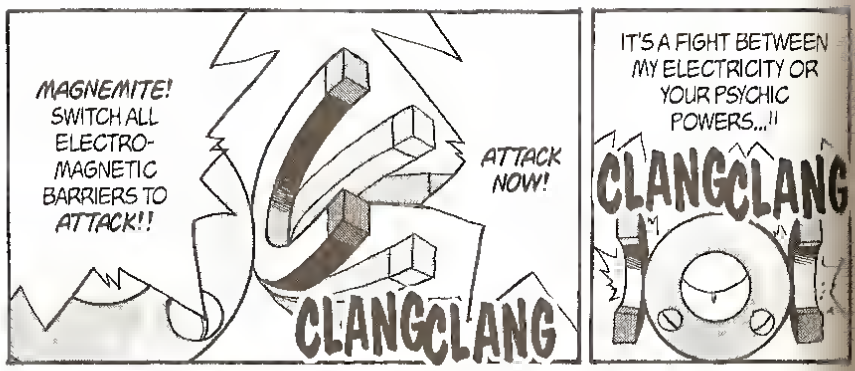

POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK?
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS COMPETITION IS NOT JUST A TOURNAMENT OR A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN TWO TEAMS!

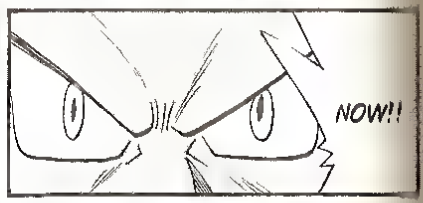

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M LOOKING FOR A GUY!!
AND BEFORE I GET TO FIGHT HIM AGAIN, I CAN'T LOSE!!

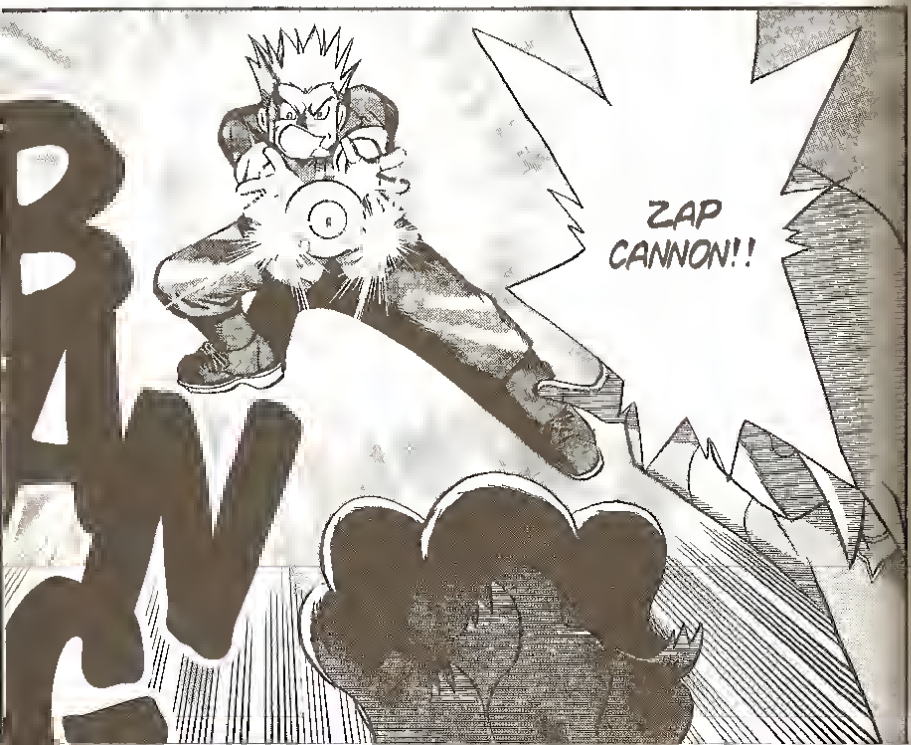
I HAVE HEARD THAT THE MAN IS HERE!


NOT WANTING TO LOSE BEFORE ATTAINING YOUR GOALS?
WE'RE ON THE SAME BOAT THEN. MY TARGET IS THE RED BIRD POKÉMON! ALTHOUGH I AM STILL TRYING TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF IT.


IN ORDER TO ATTAIN MY GOALS...
... REQUIRES DETER-MINATION FROM BOTH OF US!
BUT... THERE CAN ONLY ONE WINNER!!







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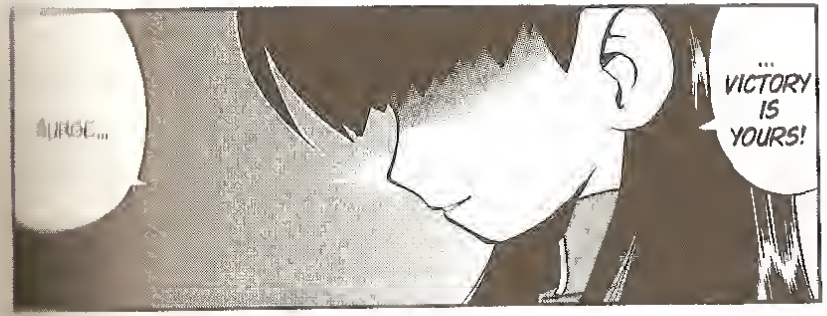
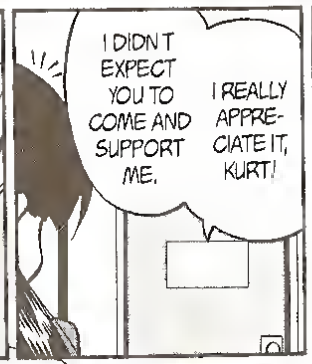
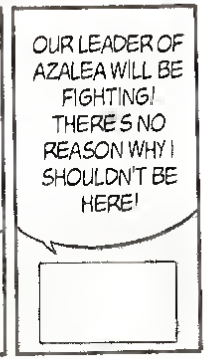
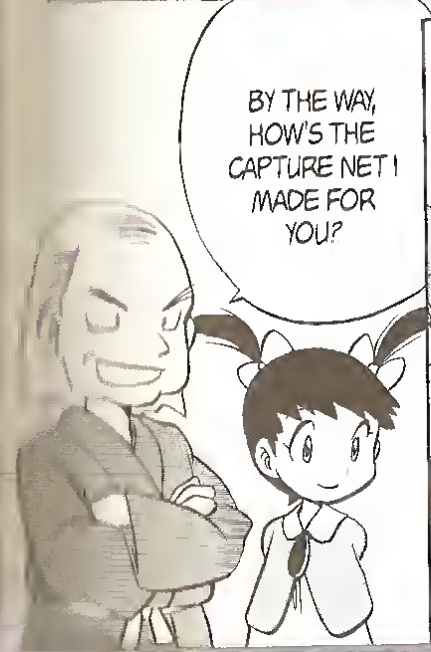
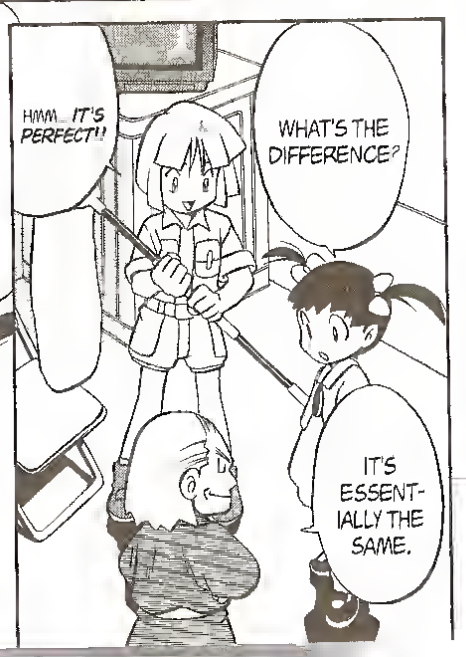
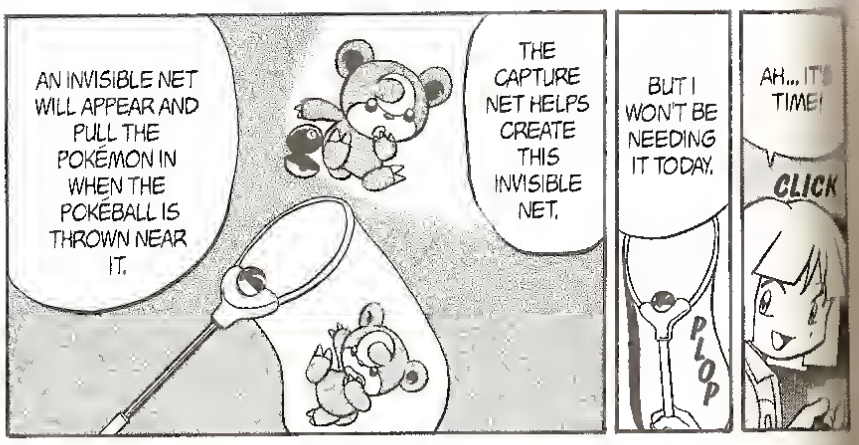


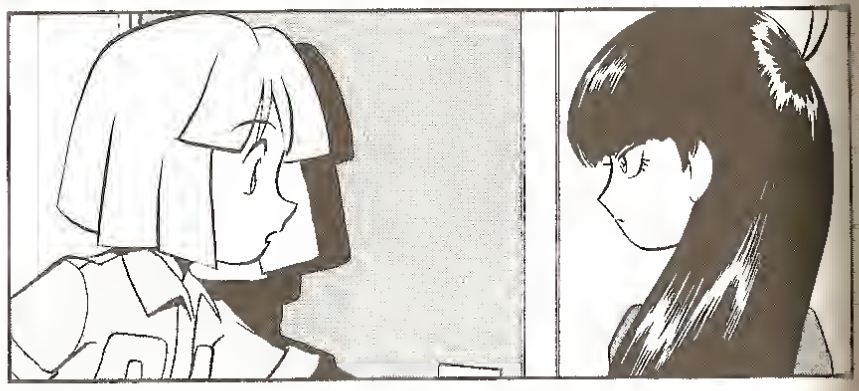


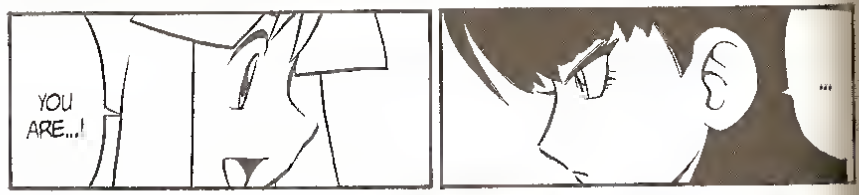


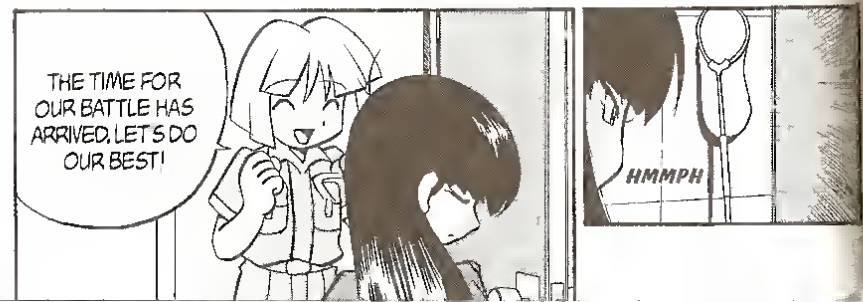





AN INVISIBLE NET WILL APPEAR AND PULL THE POKÉMON IN WHEN THE POKÉBALL IS THROWN NEAR IT.
THE CAPTURE NET HELPS CREATE THIS INVISIBLE NET.
BUT I WON'T BE NEEDING IT TODAY.
PLOP
AH... IT'S TIME!
CLICK







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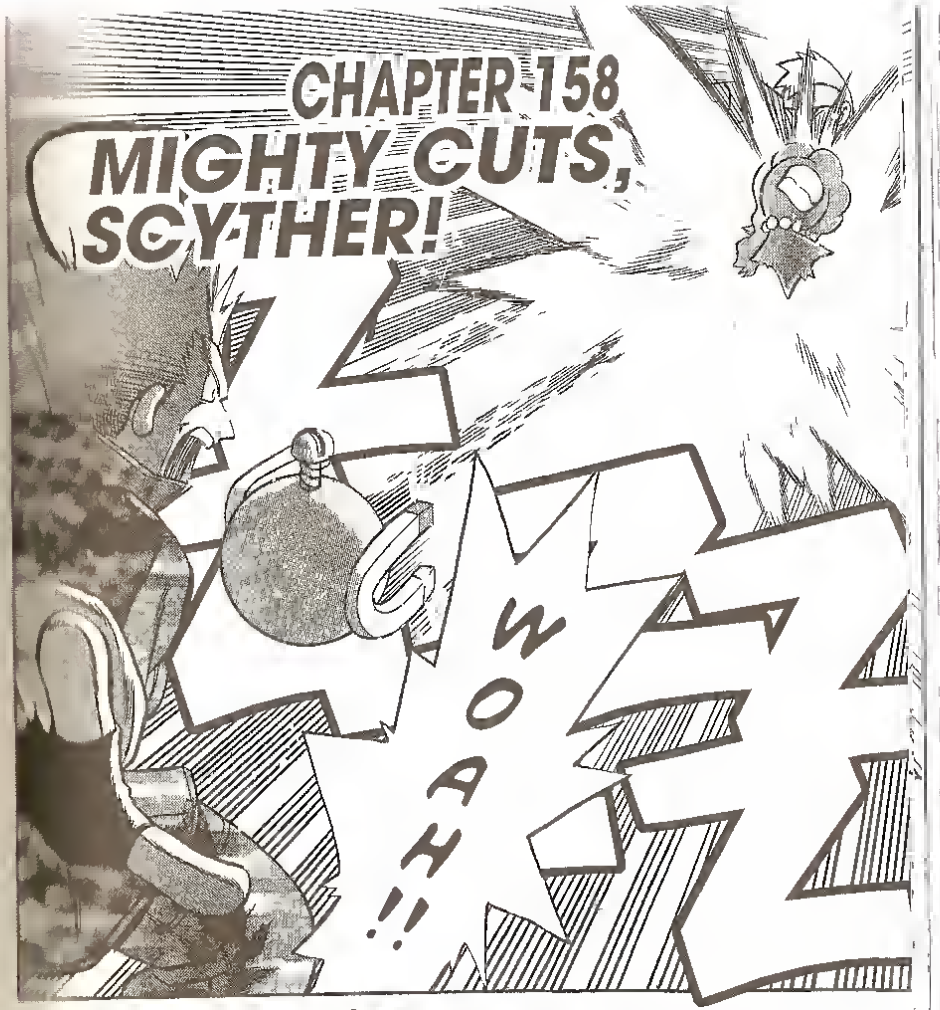

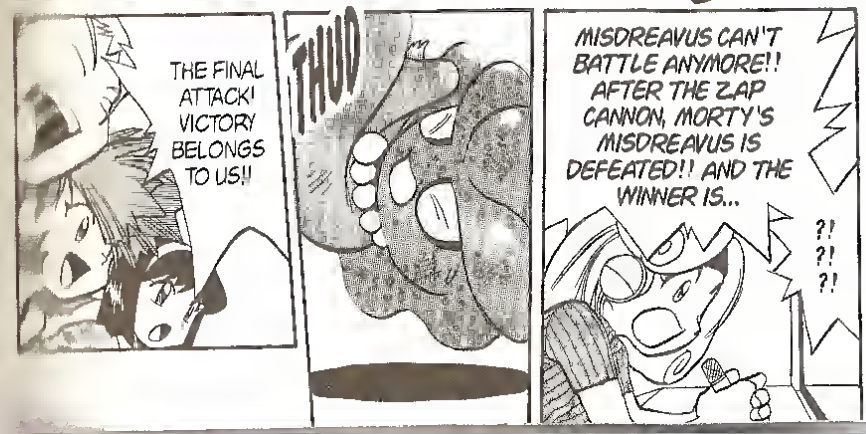
THE FINAL ATTACK! VICTORY BELONGS TO US!!
THUD
MISDREAVUS CAN'T BATTLE ANYMORE!! AFTER THE ZAP CANNON, MORTY'S MISDREAVUS IS DEFEATED!! AND THE WINNER IS...
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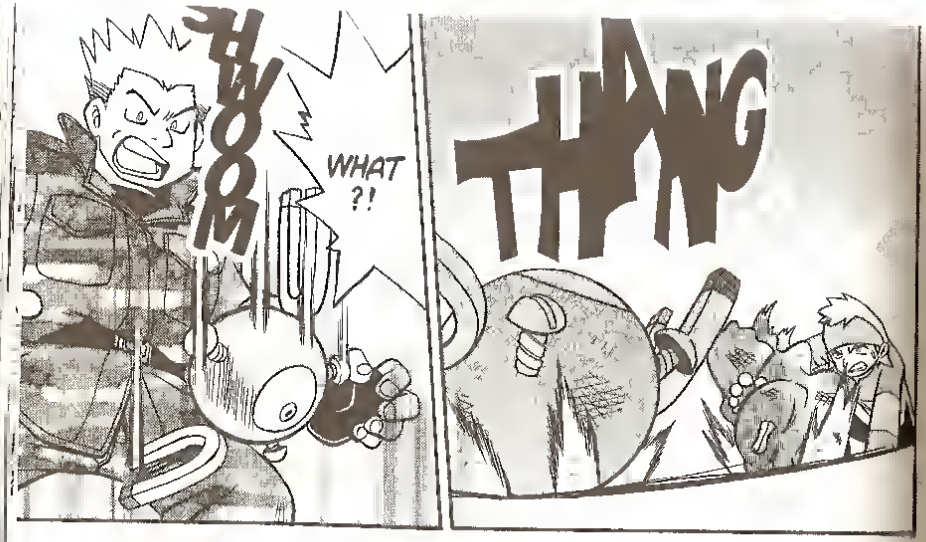
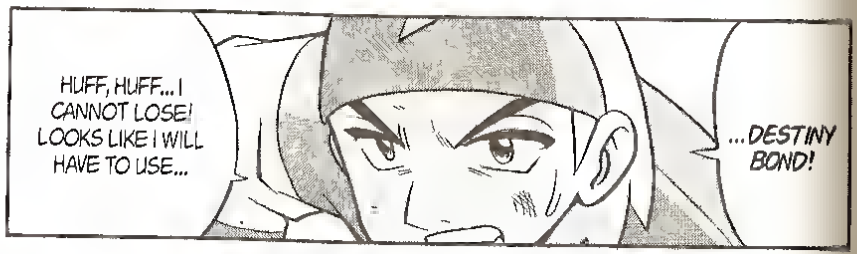
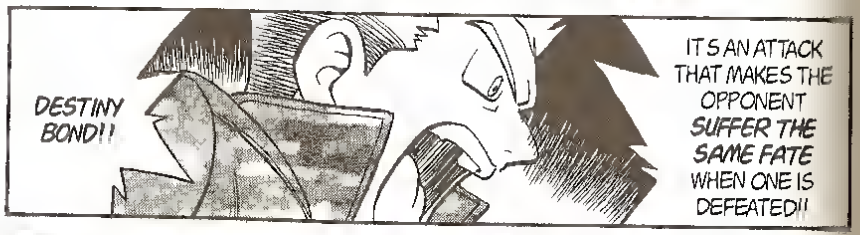
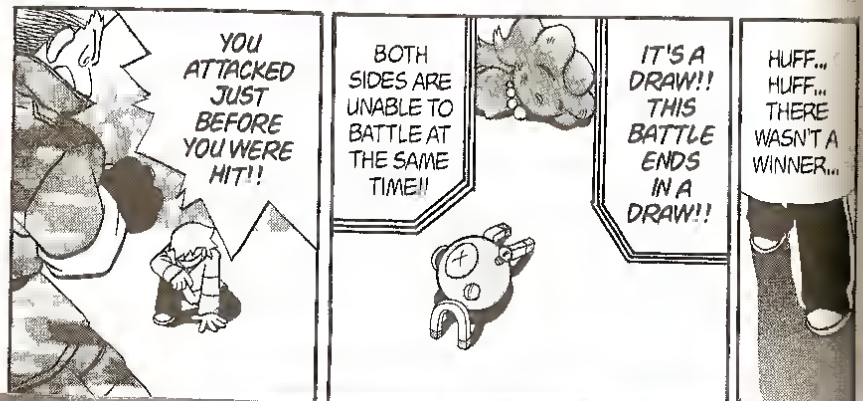
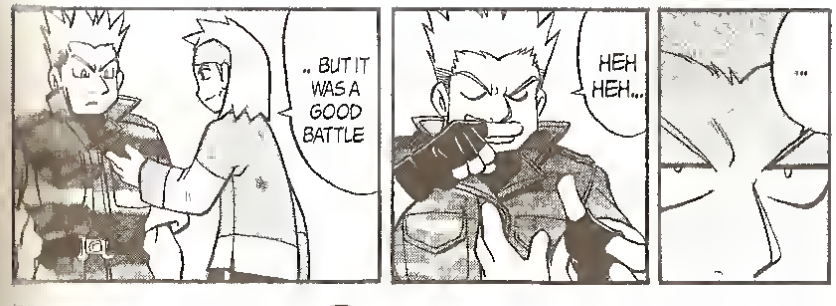
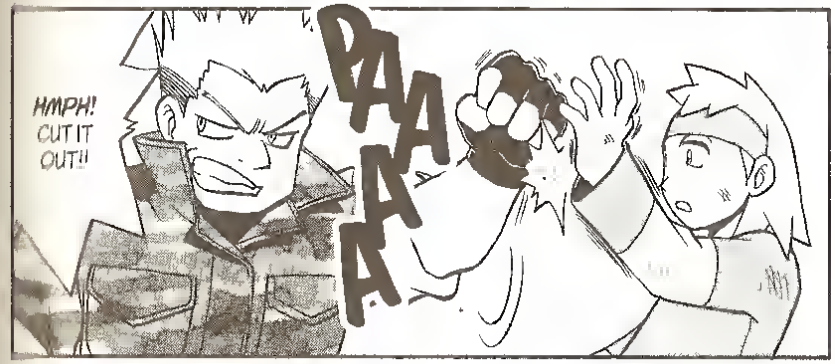

WHAT ?!
THWOOM
THWANG

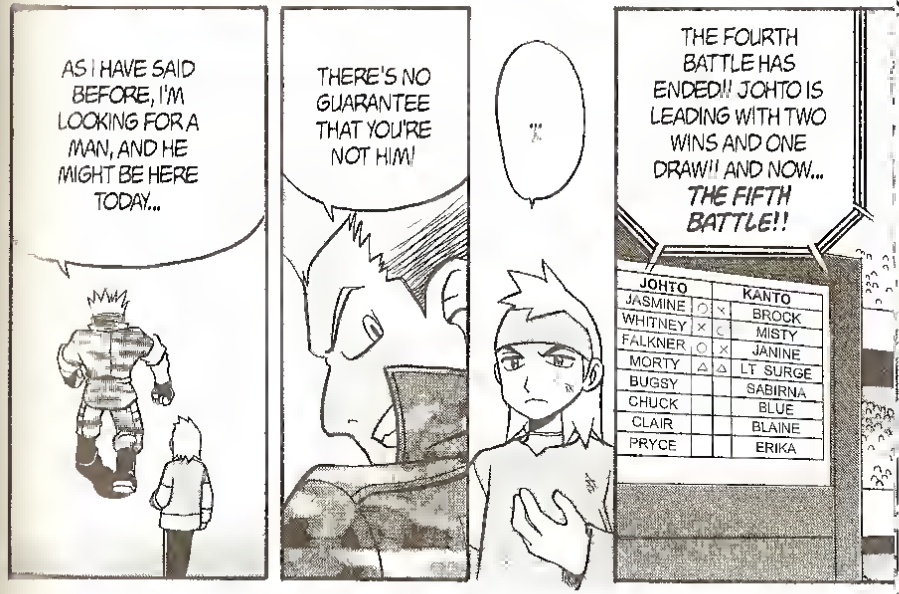

HUFF, HUFF... I CANNOT LOSE! LOOKS LIKE I WILL HAVE TO USE...
...DESTINY BOND!

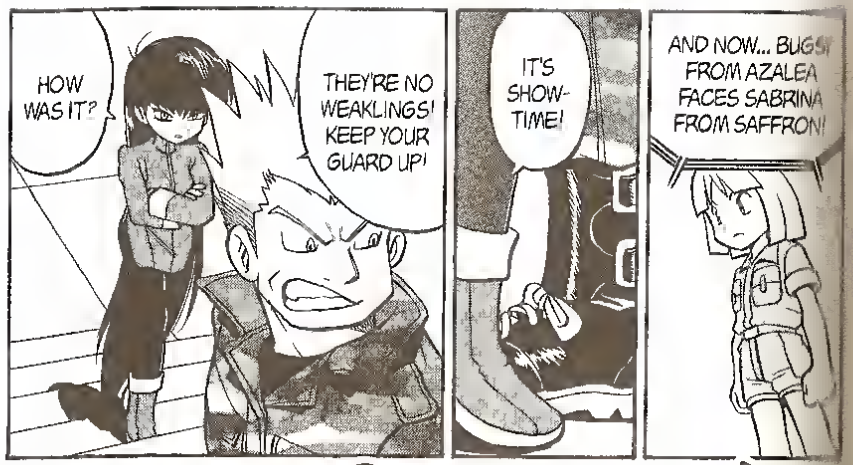

DESTINY BOND!!
IT'S AN ATTACK THAT MAKES THE OPPONENT SUFFER THE SAME FATE WHEN ONE IS DEFEATED!!

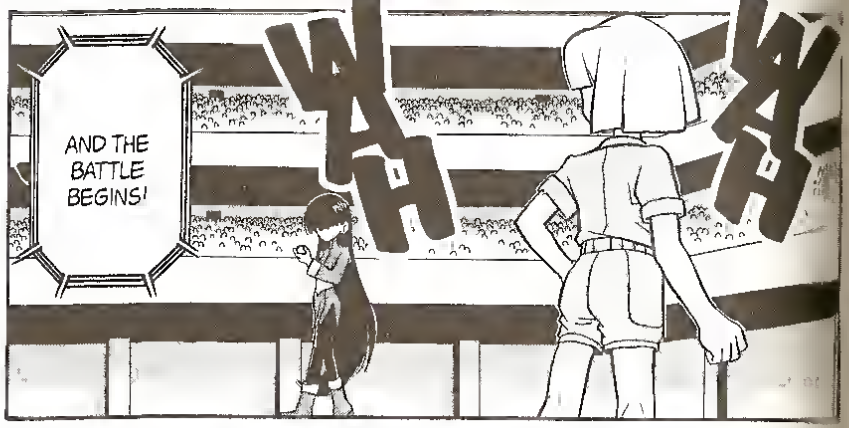

YOU ATTACKED JUST BEFORE YOU WERE HIT!!
BOTH SIDES ARE UNABLE TO BATTLE AT THE SAME TIME!!
IT'S A DRAW!! THIS BATTLE ENDS IN A DRAW!!
HUFF... HUFF... THERE WASN'T A WINNER...

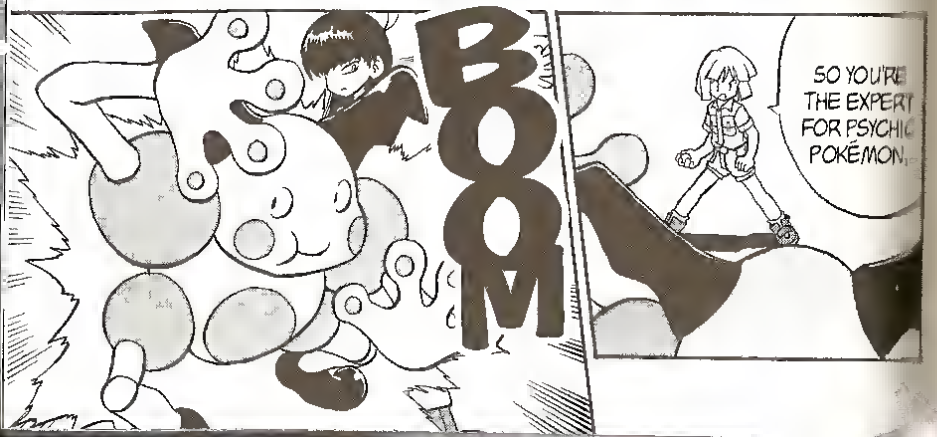

.. BUT IT WAS A GOOD BATTLE
HEH HEH...
...

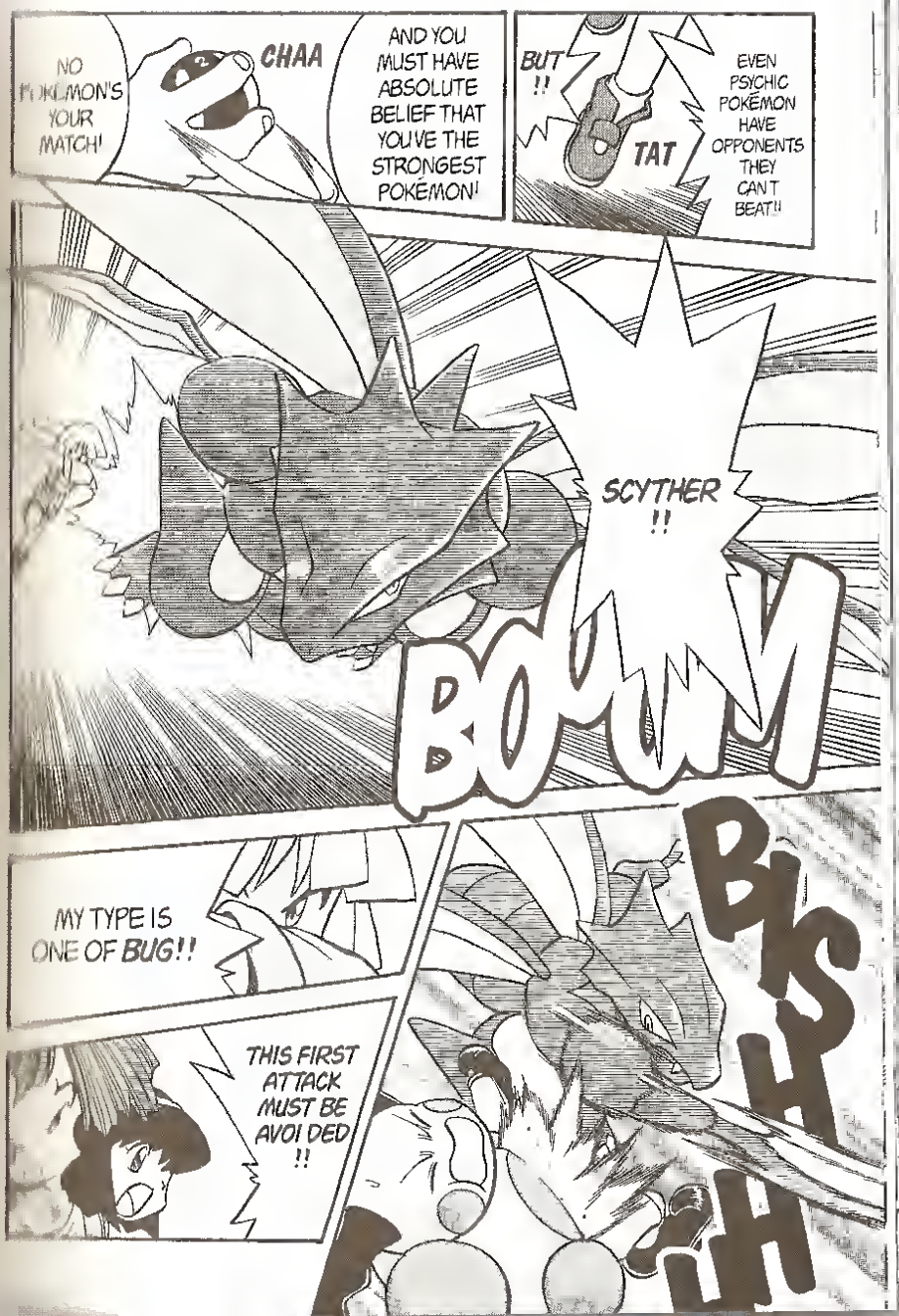

HMPH! CUT IT OUT!!
PAAA

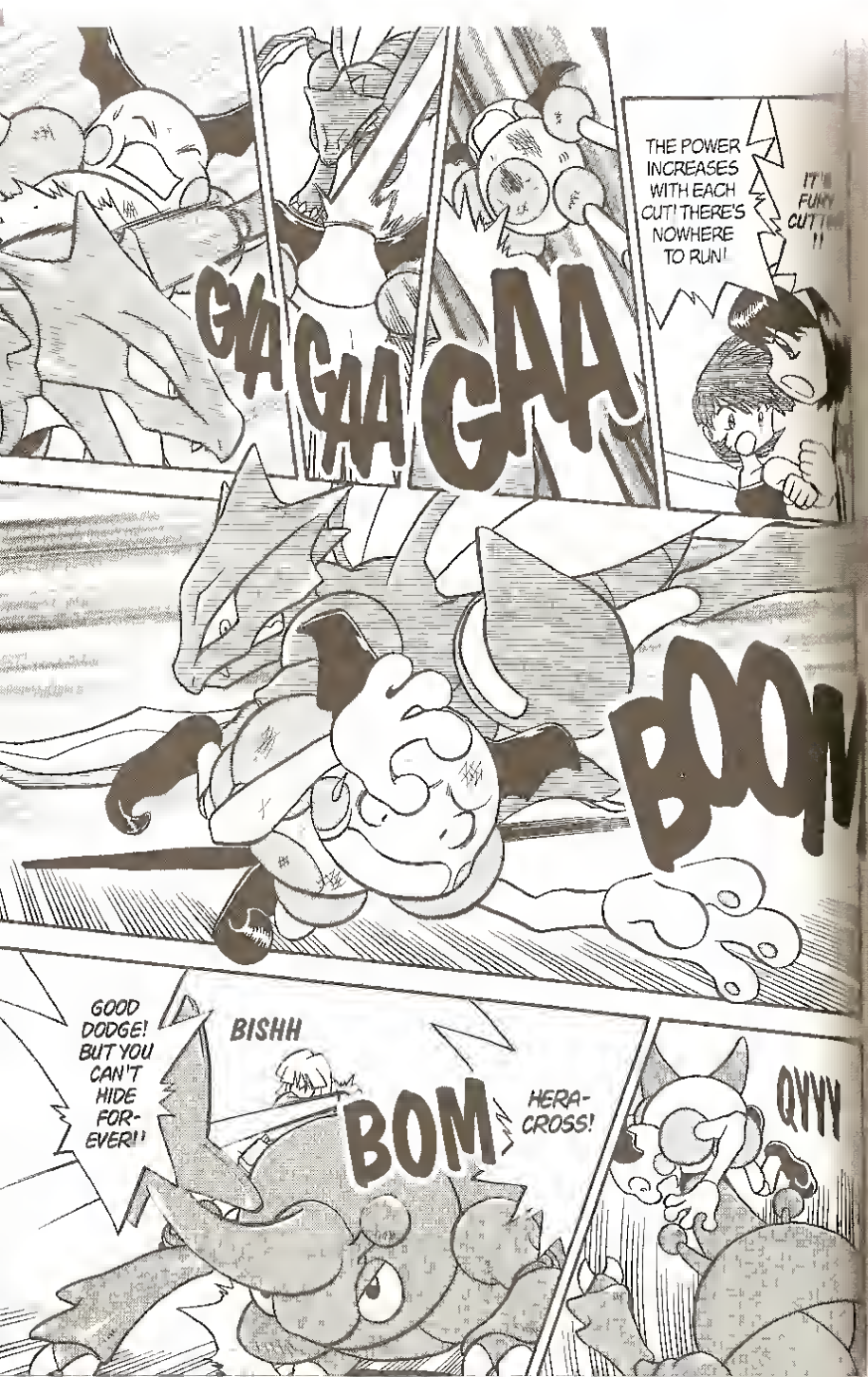

AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, I'M LOOKING FOR A MAN, AND HE MIGHT BE HERE TODAY...
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU'RE NOT HIM!
...
THE FOURTH BATTLE HAS ENDED!! JOHTO IS LEADING WITH TWO WINS AND ONE DRAW!! AND NOW... THE FIFTH BATTLE!!
JOHTO
KANTO
JASMINE ○ ×
BROCK
WHITNEY × ×
MISTY
FALKNER ○ ×
JANINE
MORTY △ △
LT SURGE
BUGSY
SABIRNA
CHUCK
BLUE
CLAIR
BLAINE
PRYCE
ERIKA

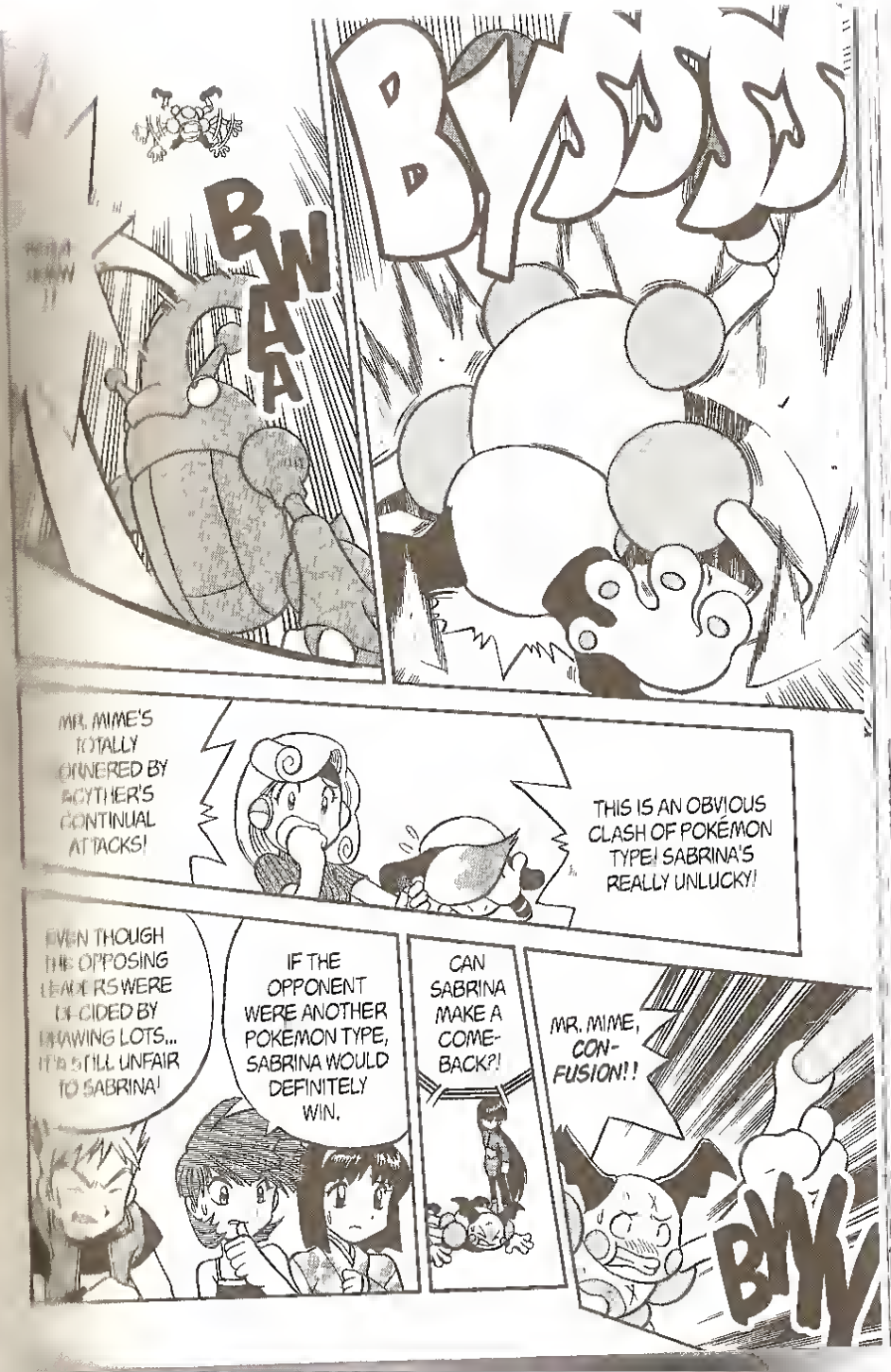

HOW WAS IT?
THEY'RE NO WEAKLINGS! KEEP YOUR GUARD UP!
IT'S SHOW-TIME!
AND NOW... BUGS! FROM AZALEA FACES SABRINA FROM SAFFRON!

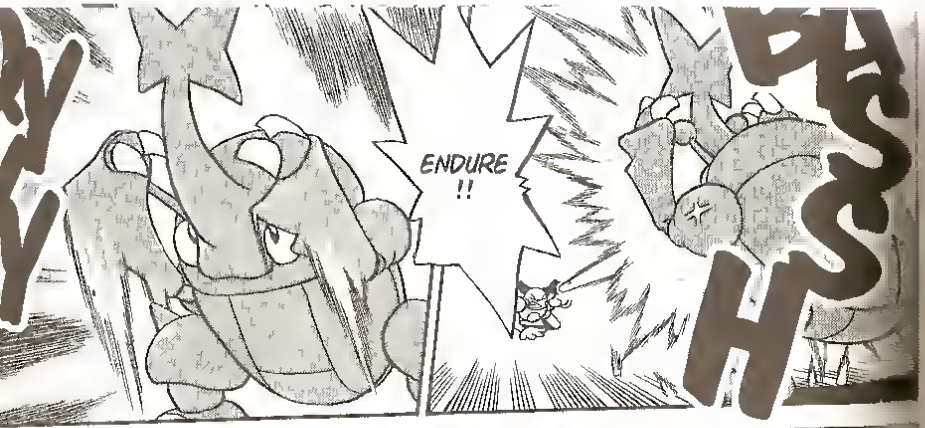

AND THE BATTLE BEGINS!
WHAT

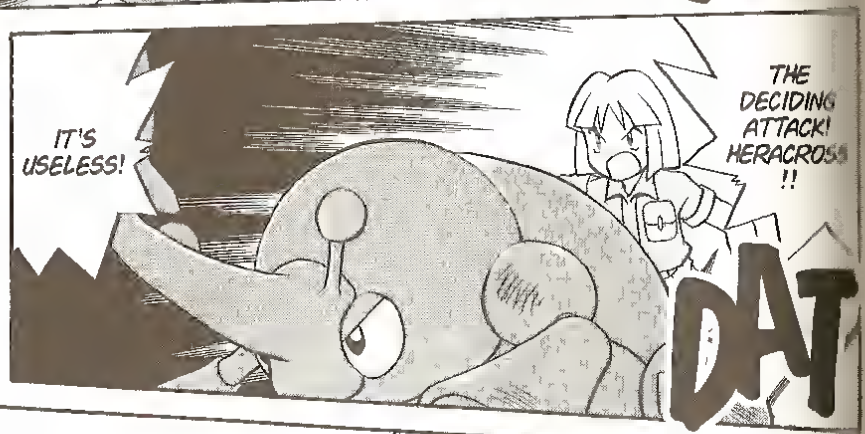

BOOM
SO YOU'RE THE EXPERT FOR PSYCHIC POKÉMON.

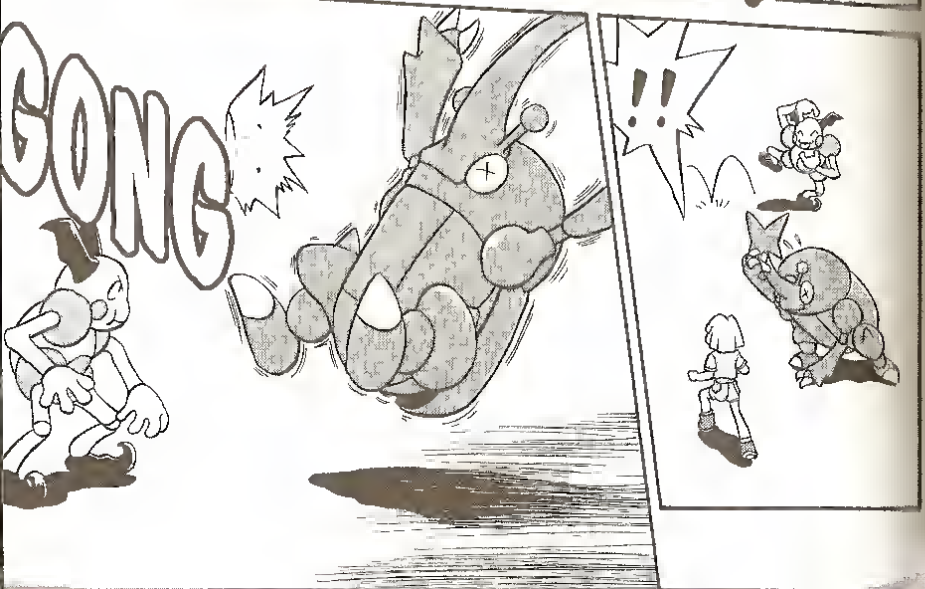

NO POKÉMON'S YOUR MATCH!
CHAA
AND YOU MUST HAVE ABSOLUTE BELIEF THAT YOU'VE THE STRONGEST POKÉMON!
BUT !!
TAT
EVEN PSYCHIC POKÉMON HAVE OPPONENTS THEY CAN'T BEAT!!
SCYTHER !!
BOUM
MY TYPE IS ONE OF BUG!!
THIS FIRST ATTACK MUST BE AVOIDED !!
BISHH


GAA GAA GAA
BOOM
THE POWER INCREASES WITH EACH CUT! THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN!
IT'S FURY CUTTING!!
GOOD DODGE! BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE FOR-EVER!!
BISHH
BOM
HERA-CROSS!
QYYY

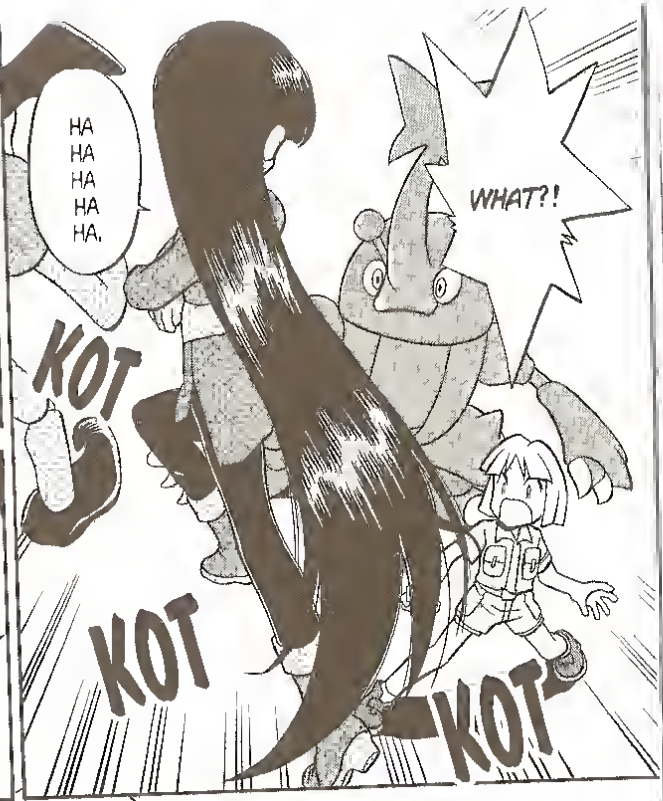

BWAA
BYYYD
MR. MIME'S TOTALLY OUTNERED BY SCYTHER'S CONTINUAL ATTACKS!
THIS IS AN OBVIOUS CLASH OF POKÉMON TYPE! SABRINA'S REALLY UNLUCKY!
EVEN THOUGH THE OPPOSING LEADERS WERE DECIDED BY DRAWING LOTS... IT'S STILL UNFAIR TO SABRINA!
IF THE OPPONENT WERE ANOTHER POKEMON TYPE, SABRINA WOULD DEFINITELY WIN.
CAN SABRINA MAKE A COME-BACK?!
MR. MIME, CON-FUSION!!
BWA

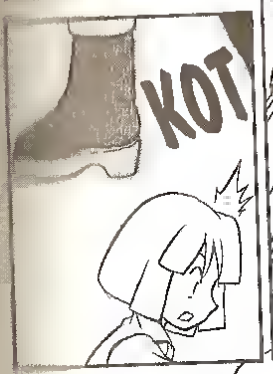

ENDURE !!
HISS

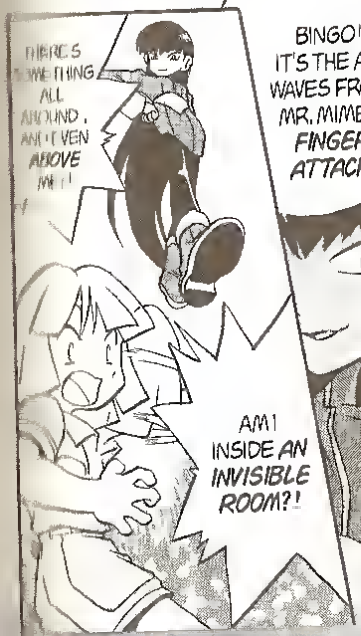

IT'S USELESS!
THE DECIDING ATTACK! HERACROSS !!
DAT

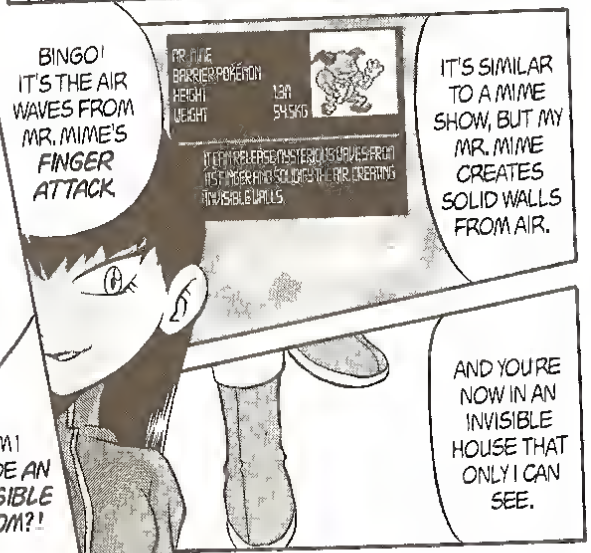

GONG
!!

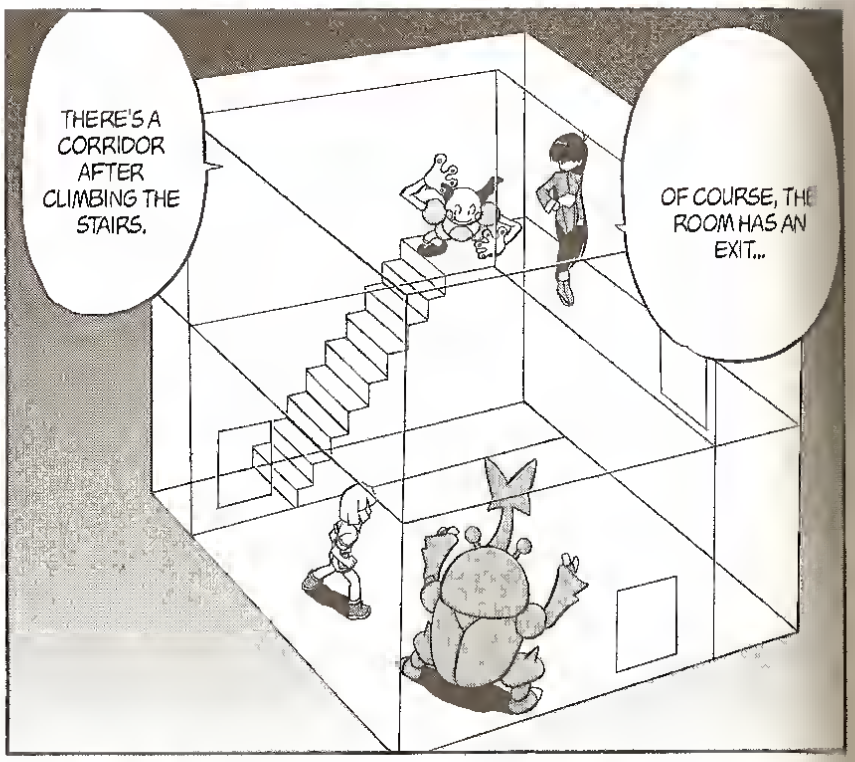
HUH !!

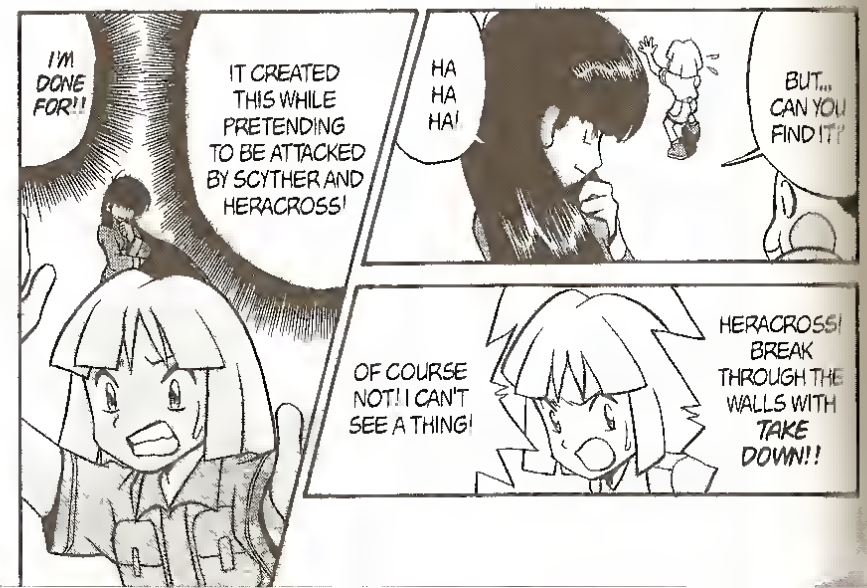

HA HA HA HA HA.
WHAT?!
KOT
KOT
KOT
KOT


KOT

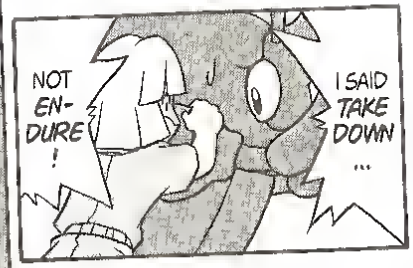

THERE'S SOMETHING ALL AROUND, AND EVEN ABOVE ME!!
BINGO! IT'S THE AIR WAVES FROM MR. MIME'S FINGER ATTACK.
AM I INSIDE AN INVISIBLE ROOM?!

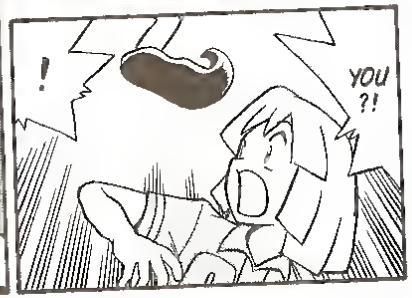

MR. MIME
BARRIER POKÉMON
HEIGHT 1.3M
WEIGHT 54.5KG
IT EMITS RELEASE MYSTERIOUS WAVES FROM ITS FINGER AND SOLIDIFY THE AIR, CREATING INVISIBLE WALLS.
IT'S SIMILAR TO A MIME SHOW, BUT MY MR. MIME CREATES SOLID WALLS FROM AIR.
AND YOU'RE NOW IN AN INVISIBLE HOUSE THAT ONLY I CAN SEE.

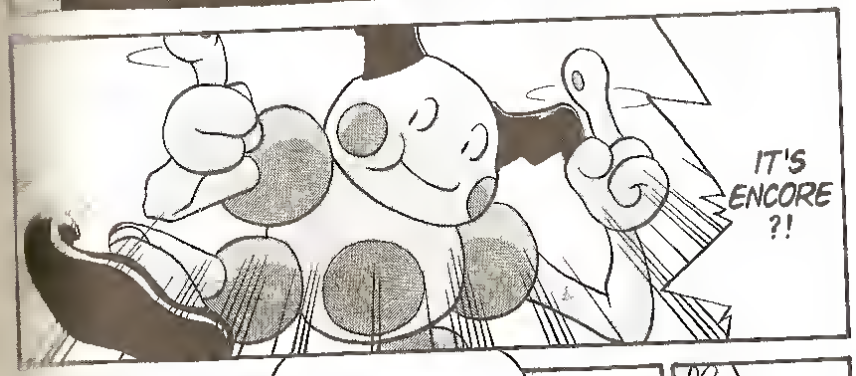

THERE'S A CORRIDOR AFTER CLIMBING THE STAIRS.
OF COURSE, THE ROOM HAS AN EXIT...


I'M DONE FOR!!
IT CREATED THIS WHILE PRETENDING TO BE ATTACKED BY SCYTHER AND HERACROSS!
HA HA HA!
BUT... CAN YOU FIND IT?
OF COURSE NOT! I CAN'T SEE A THING!
HERACROSS! BREAK THROUGH THE WALLS WITH TAKE DOWN!!

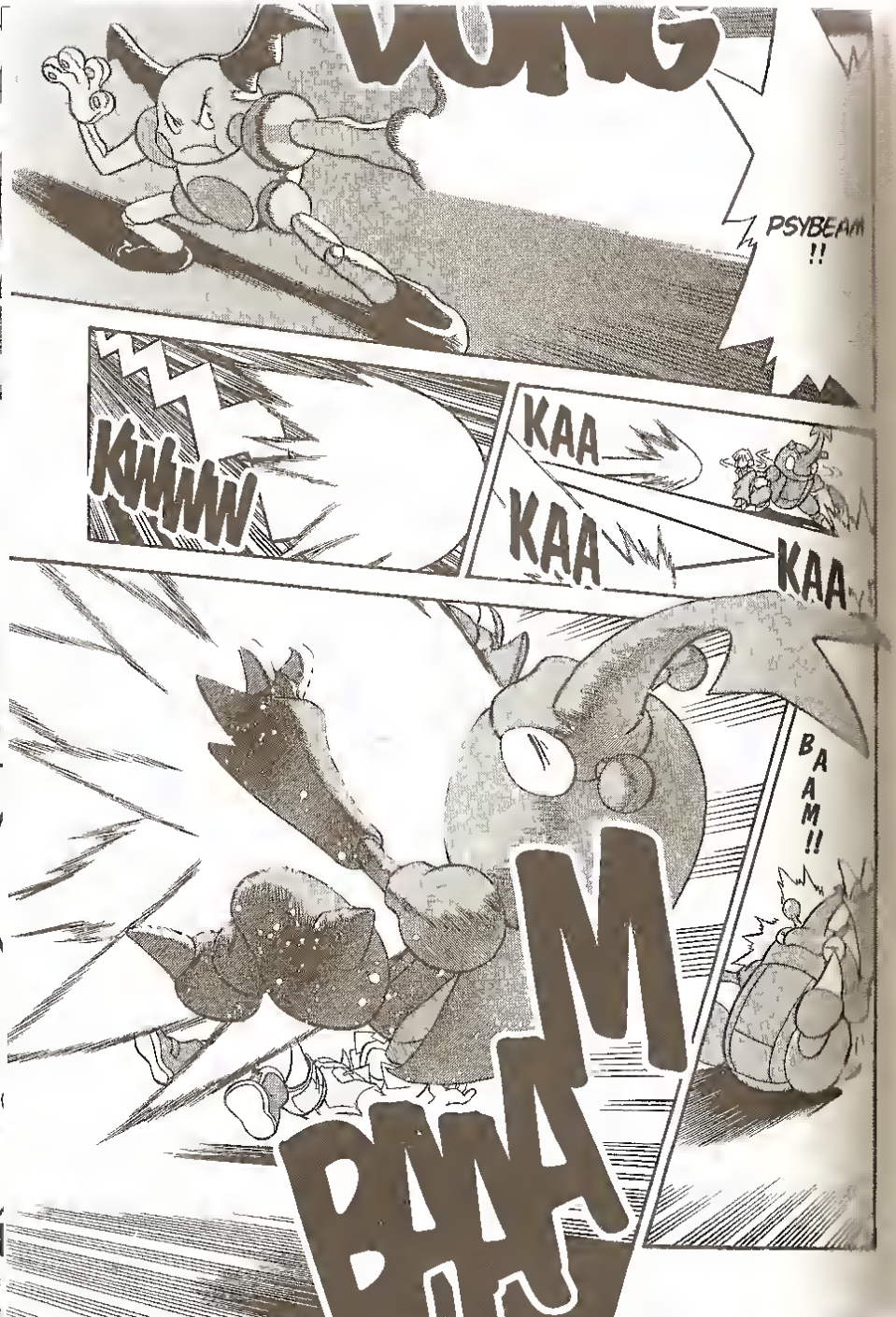
?!
BAA

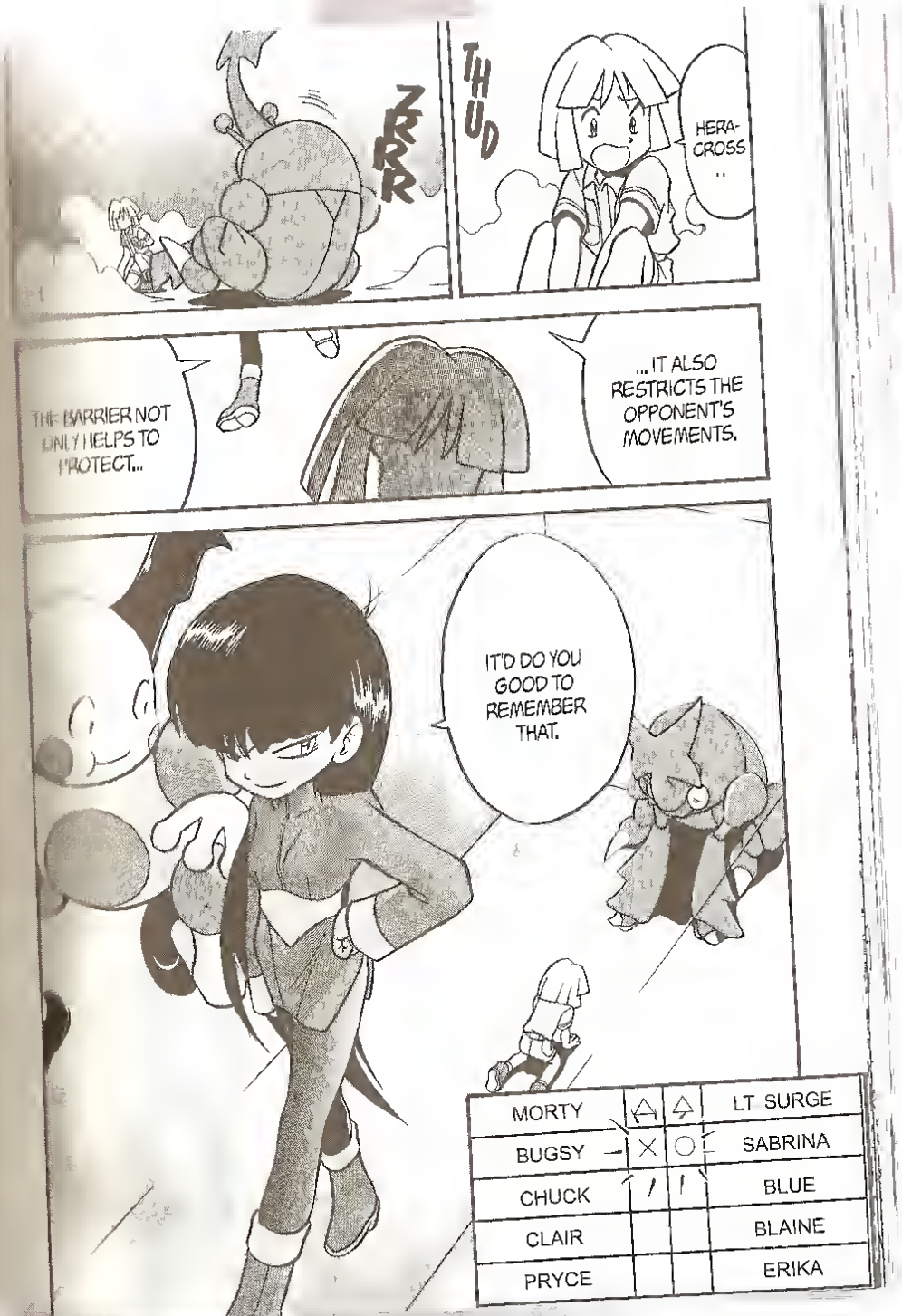

NOT EN-DURE !
I SAID TAKE DOWN ...

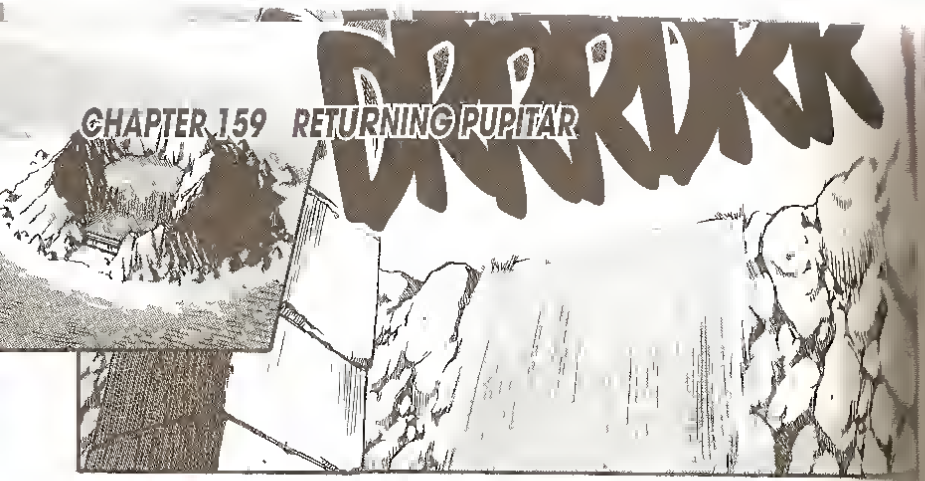

!
YOU ?!

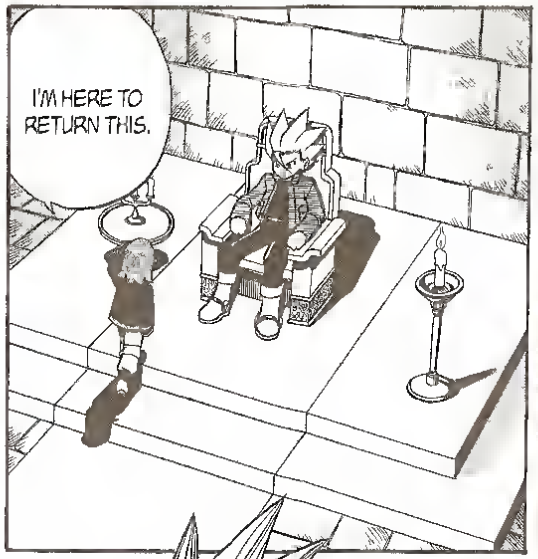

IT'S ENCORE ?!

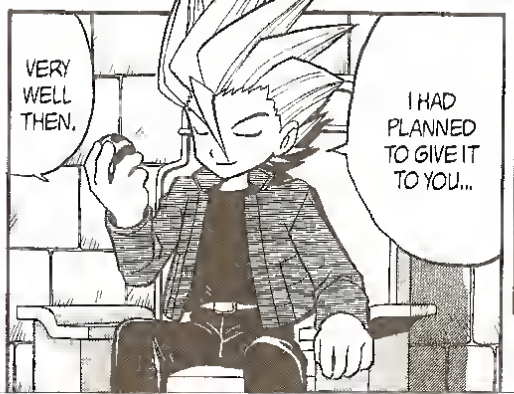
MIGHT AGAIN !
WITH ENCORE, YOUR HERACROSS CAN ONLY REPEAT THE LAST ATTACK FOR THE MOMENT! IT CAN'T TAKE ANY NEW ORDERS NOW.
GAME OVER !!

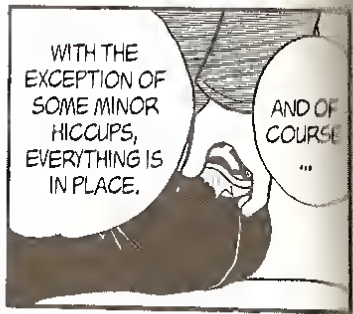

PSYBEAM !!
KWWW
KAA
KAA
KAA
BAAM
BAM !!


ZRRR
THUD
HERA-CROSS ..
THE BARRIER NOT ONLY HELPS TO PROTECT...
...IT ALSO RESTRICTS THE OPPONENT'S MOVEMENTS.
IT'D DO YOU GOOD TO REMEMBER THAT.
MORTY
BUGSY
CHUCK
CLAIR
PRYCE
LT SURGE
SABRINA
BLUE
BLAINE
ERIKA









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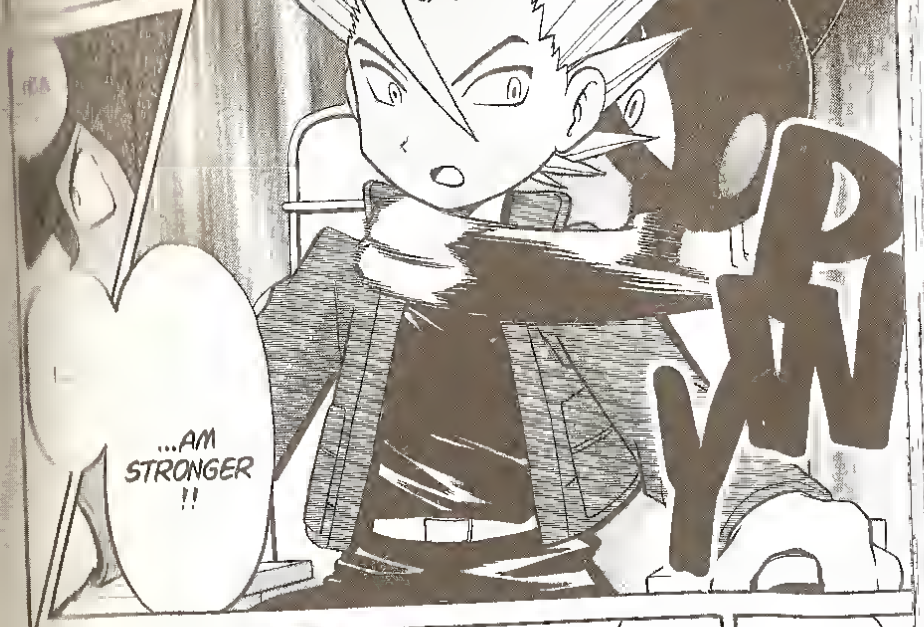
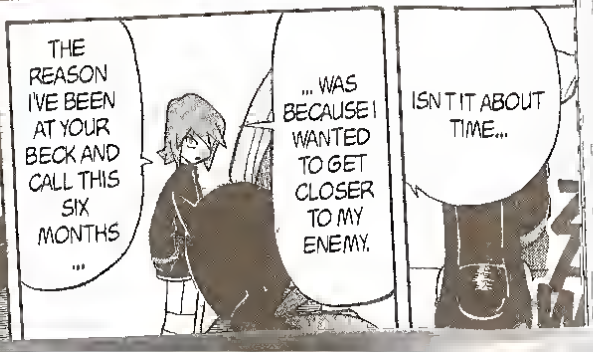
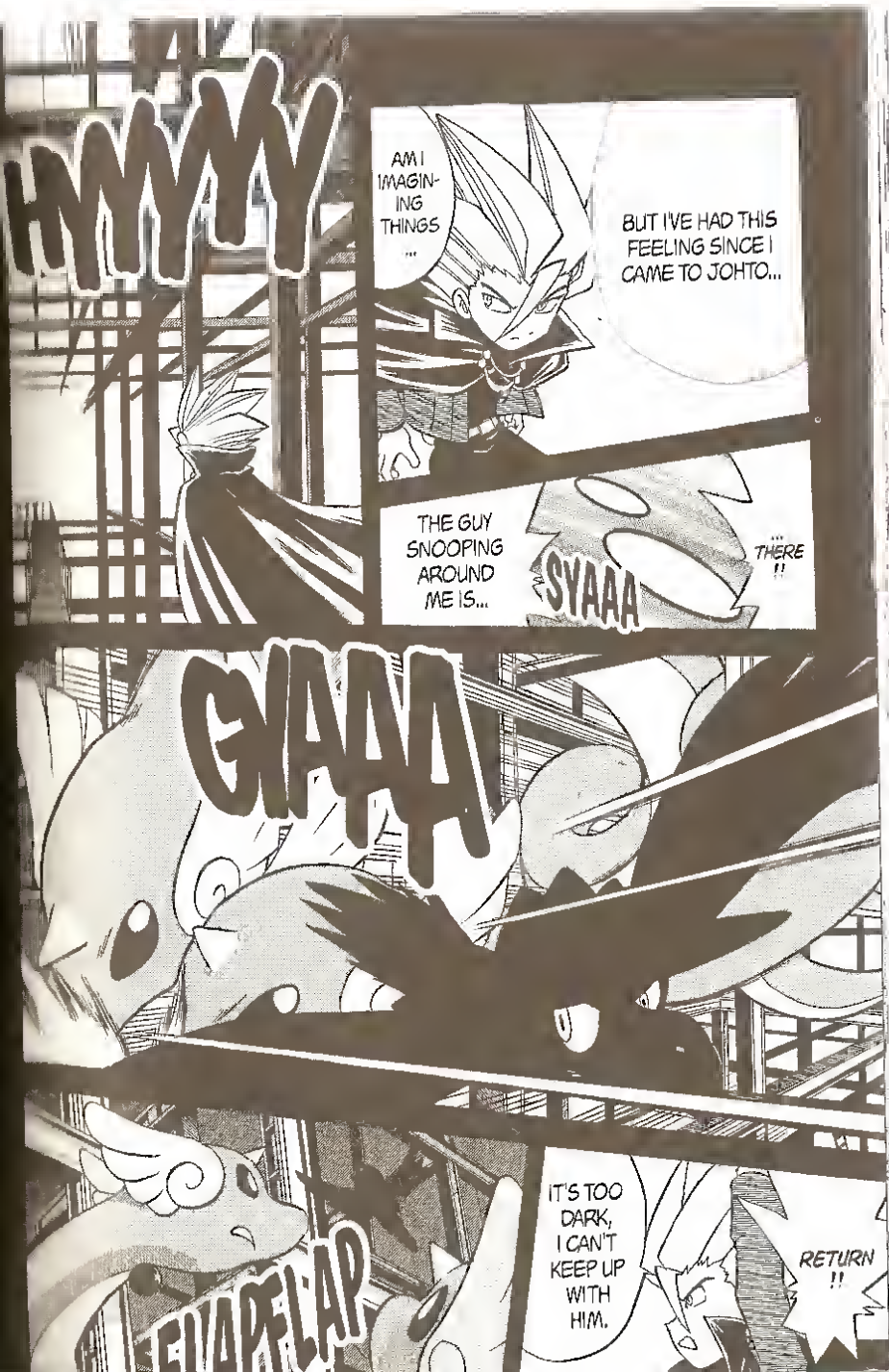




...YOU TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT...
...THE MASKED MAN'S MOTIVES?!
...
...HMM.
THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES HASN'T CHANGED
AT THAT TIME... WHEN YOU TRACKED ME DOWN...
BATTLE TOWER WORK IN PROGRESS
!!
WHO'S THERE?


HYYYYY
AM I IMAGINING THINGS ...
BUT I'VE HAD THIS FEELING SINCE I CAME TO JOHTO...
THE GUY SNOOPING AROUND ME IS...
SYAAA
... THERE !!
GYAAA
FLAPFLAP
IT'S TOO DARK, I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM.
RETURN !!

GYAWN
GIVING UP?!
MURKROW, PURSUIT!!
AAA
THUD
WHY...
... ME?

HAHAHA. LET ME GUESS. THE REASON YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME...
YOU'RE THINKING, "THIS LANCE WHO HAD TRIED CAPTURING A GIGANTIC BIRD POKÉMON...
... MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING INCIDENT NINE YEARS AGO", ISN'T IT?
THIS MURKROW REMEMBERS EVERYTHING, FROM ITS TRAINER'S WORDS TO ACTIONS.
AND FROM ITS MEMORY, IT DETECTS EVEN UNSPOKEN WORDS.
I POSSESS THE ABILITY TO LOOK INTO POKÉMON'S HEART AND MEMORIES.
... SO THIS IS THE RUMORED MYSTERIOUS POWER OF LANCE...!
I MUST COMPLIMENT YOU ON FINDING ME. NOBODY KNOWS IF I WAS DEAD OR ALIVE AFTER MY LAST BATTLE AT SALT ISLAND.
UNFORTUNATELY, I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE INCIDENT NINE YEARS AGO.
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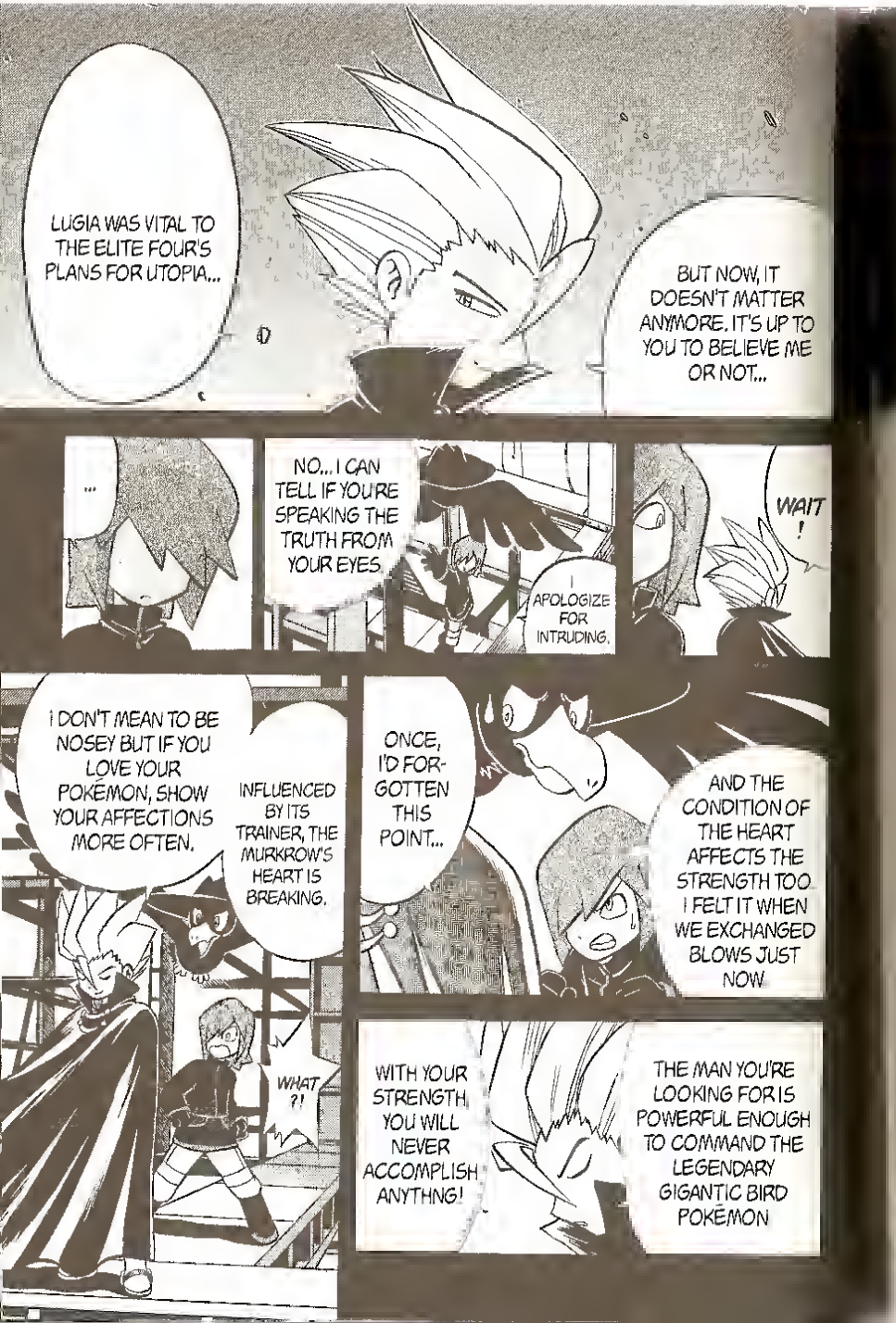
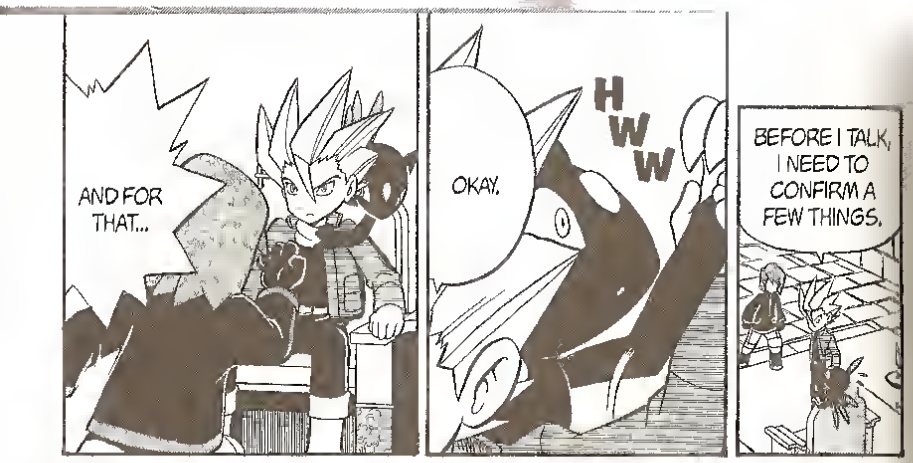
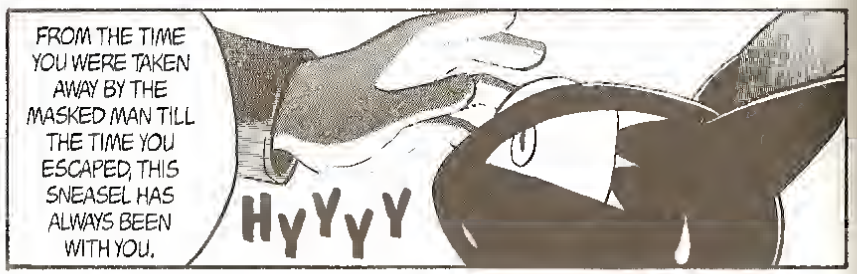
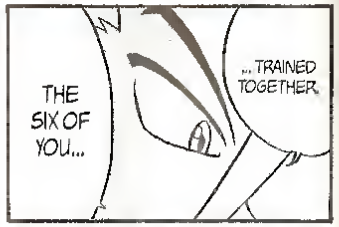
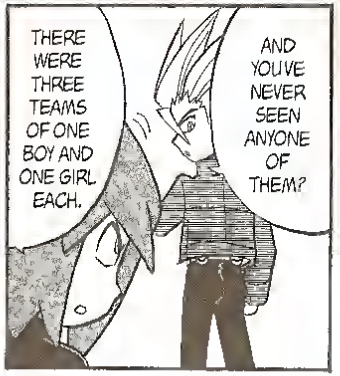

LUGIA WAS VITAL TO THE ELITE FOUR'S PLANS FOR UTOPIA...
BUT NOW, IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE. IT'S UP TO YOU TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT...
...
NO... I CAN TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING THE TRUTH FROM YOUR EYES.
I APOLOGIZE FOR INTRUDING.
WAIT !
I DON'T MEAN TO BE NOSEY BUT IF YOU LOVE YOUR POKÉMON, SHOW YOUR AFFECTIONS MORE OFTEN.
INFLUENCED BY ITS TRAINER, THE MURKROW'S HEART IS BREAKING.
WHAT ?!
ONCE, I'D FORGOTTEN THIS POINT...
AND THE CONDITION OF THE HEART AFFECTS THE STRENGTH TOO. I FELT IT WHEN WE EXCHANGED BLOWS JUST NOW.
WITH YOUR STRENGTH, YOU WILL NEVER ACCOMPLISH ANYTHNG!
THE MAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO COMMAND THE LEGENDARY GIGANTIC BIRD POKÉMON

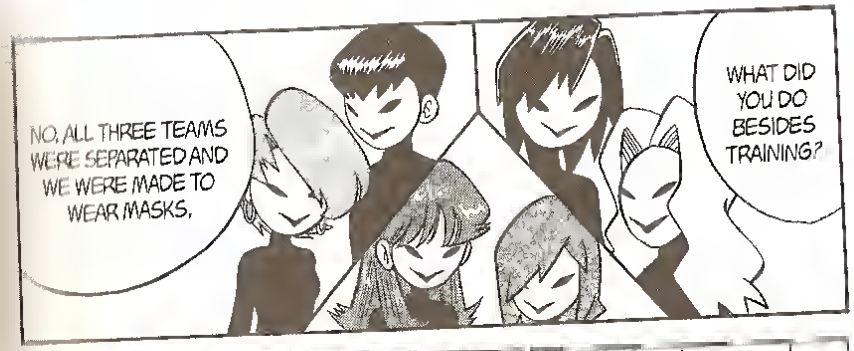
YOU SOUND AS IF YOU KNOW THE MASKED MAN!!
INTERESTED ?
YOU THEN LAID OUT YOUR CONDITIONS!
I WAS SUPPOSED TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS FOR YOU AND BECOME STRONG!!
YES.
I DON'T CARE WHY YOU WANTED ME TO DO WHAT I DID! I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN THE MASKED MAN!!
YOU WERE RIGHT! TEAM ROCKET HAS LED ME TO THE MASKED MAN!!
AND I HAVE FOUGHT WITH HIM!!
I MAY HAVE LOST TO HIM THEN, BUT I KNOW I'M GONNA WIN THE NEXT TIME WE MEET!!
AND WHEN THAT FATEFUL DAY COMES, I WILL PUT AN END TO ALL OF THIS!!

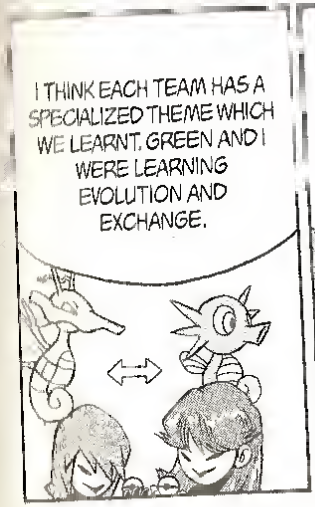

AND FOR THAT...
OKAY.
HWW
BEFORE I TALK, I NEED TO CONFIRM A FEW THINGS.


FROM THE TIME YOU WERE TAKEN AWAY BY THE MASKED MAN TILL THE TIME YOU ESCAPED, THIS SNEASEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITH YOU.
HYYYY

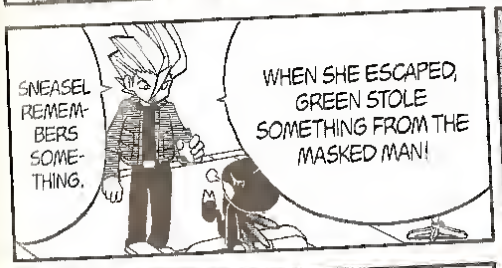

THE SIX OF YOU...
...TRAINED TOGETHER.


THERE WERE THREE TEAMS OF ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL EACH.
AND YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE OF THEM?

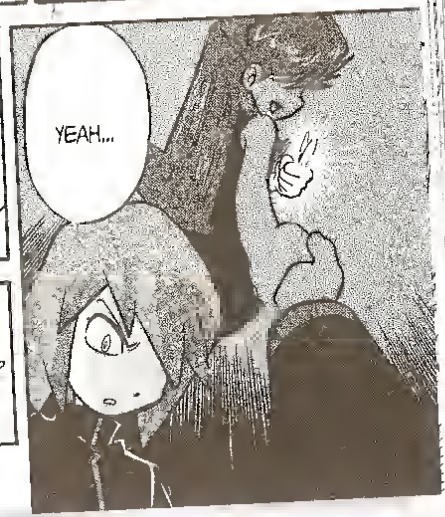

NO, ALL THREE TEAMS WERE SEPARATED AND WE WERE MADE TO WEAR MASKS.
WHAT DID YOU DO BESIDES TRAINING?

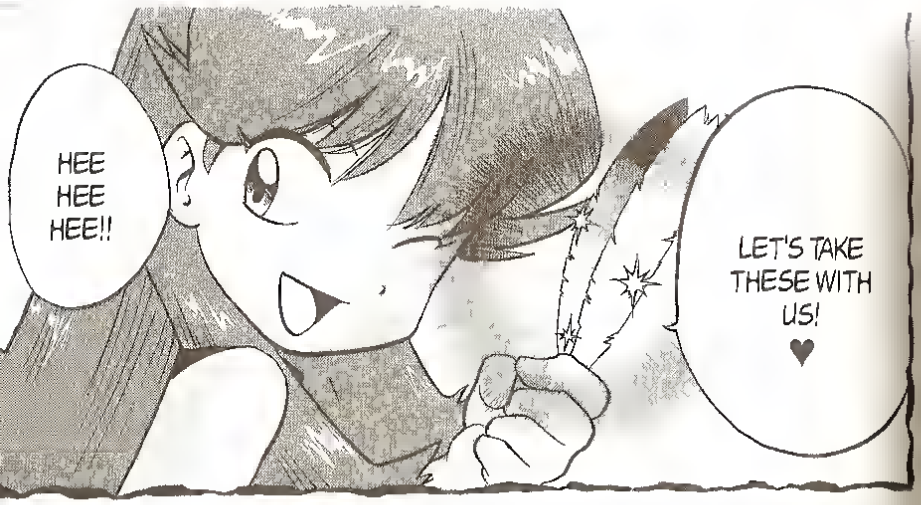

I THINK EACH TEAM HAS A SPECIALIZED THEME WHICH WE LEARNT. GREEN AND I WERE LEARNING EVOLUTION AND EXCHANGE.

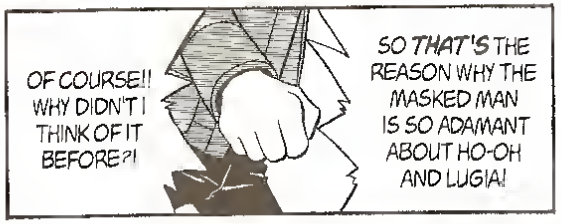
AH! YOU ESCAPED WITH HER HELP. HMM... AND THAT GIRL WAS A GREAT HELP AT SALT ISLAND... HUH?!


SNEASEL REMEMBERS SOMETHING.
WHEN SHE ESCAPED, GREEN STOLE SOMETHING FROM THE MASKED MAN!

DO YOU REMEMBER? SILVER??


YEAH...


HEE HEE HEE!!
LET'S TAKE THESE WITH US! ♥


OF COURSE!! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?!
SO THAT'S THE REASON WHY THE MASKED MAN IS SO ADAMANT ABOUT HO-OH AND LUGIA!

IT'S TIME !!
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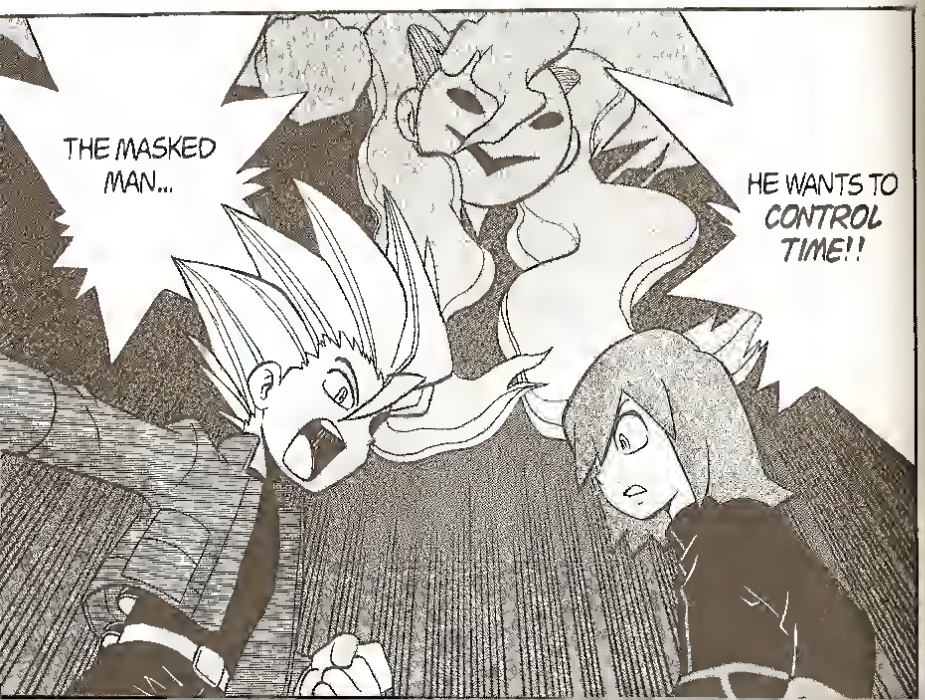
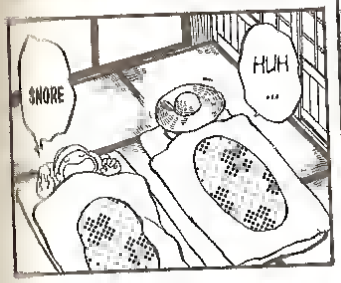
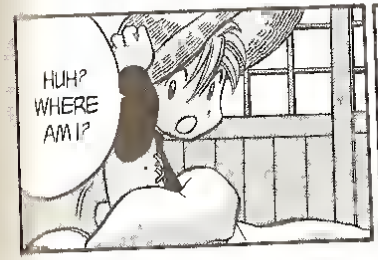
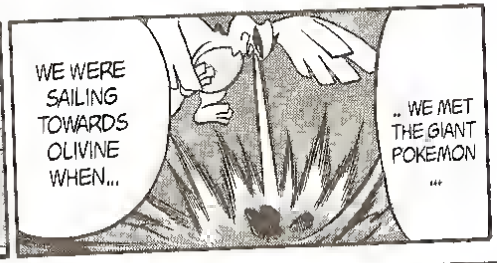
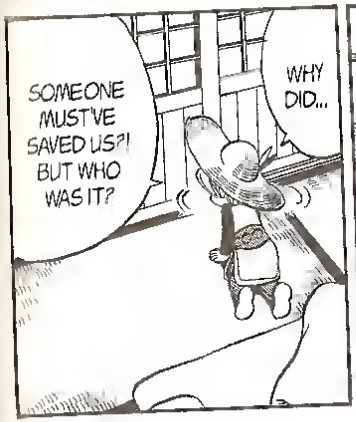

THE MASKED MAN...
HE WANTS TO CONTROL TIME!!

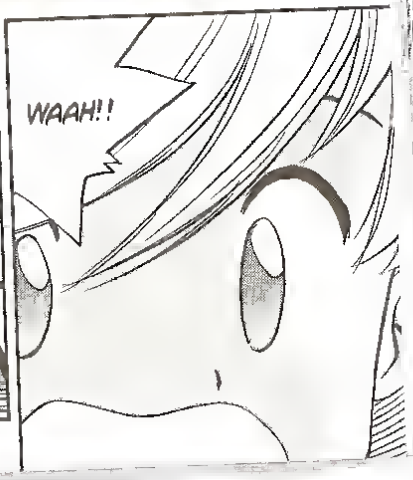
UH?

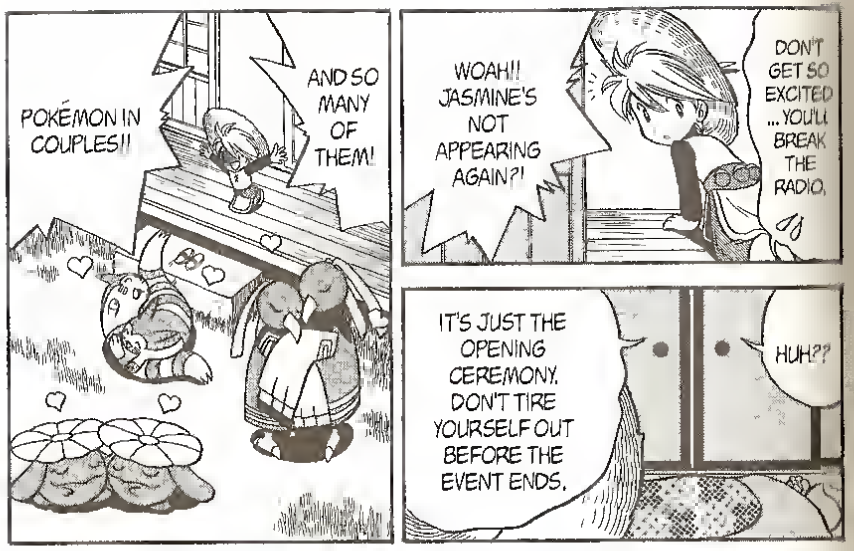

SNORE
HUH ...

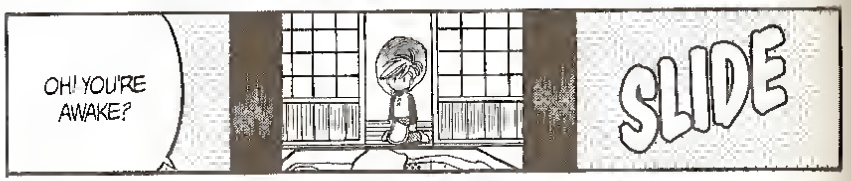

HUH? WHERE AM I?

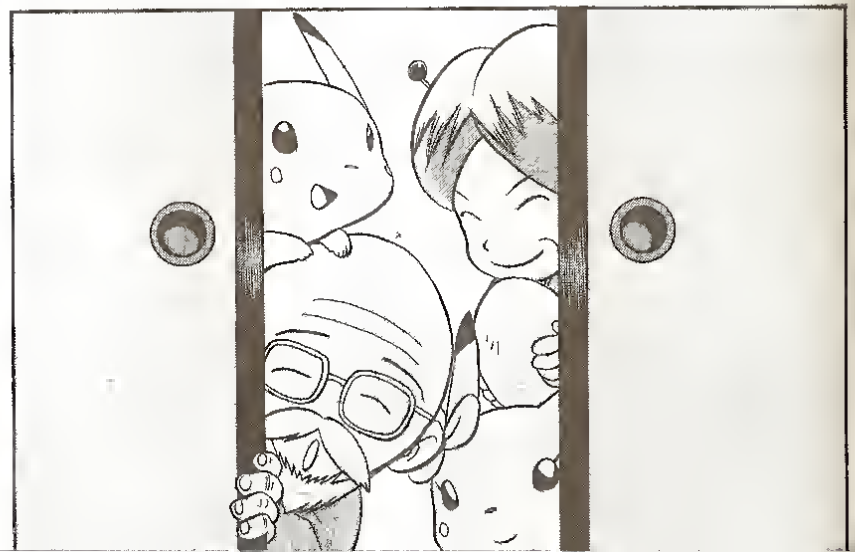

WE WERE SAILING TOWARDS OLIVINE WHEN...
.. WE MET THE GIANT POKEMON ...


SOMEONE MUST'VE SAVED US?! BUT WHO WAS IT?
WHY DID...


WAAH!!







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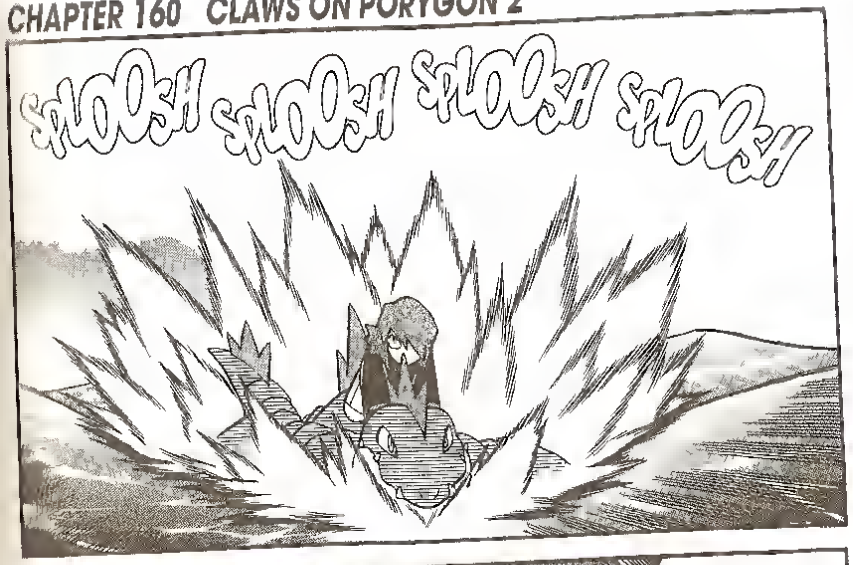

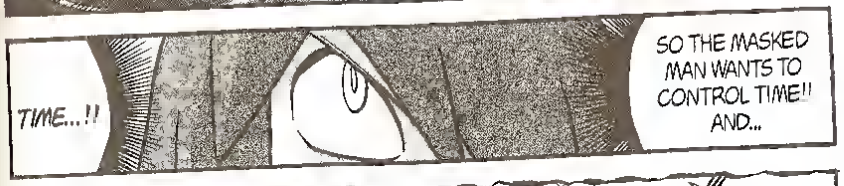

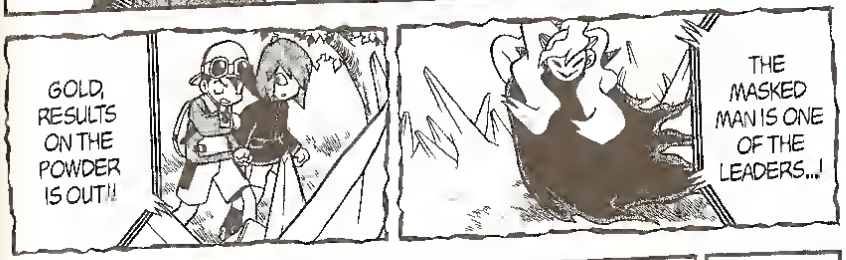

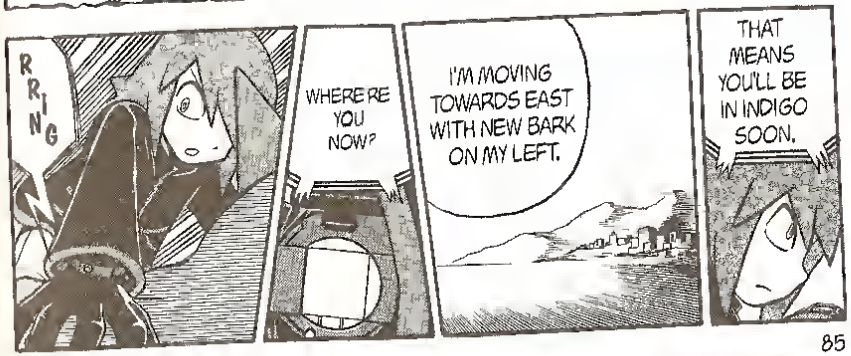

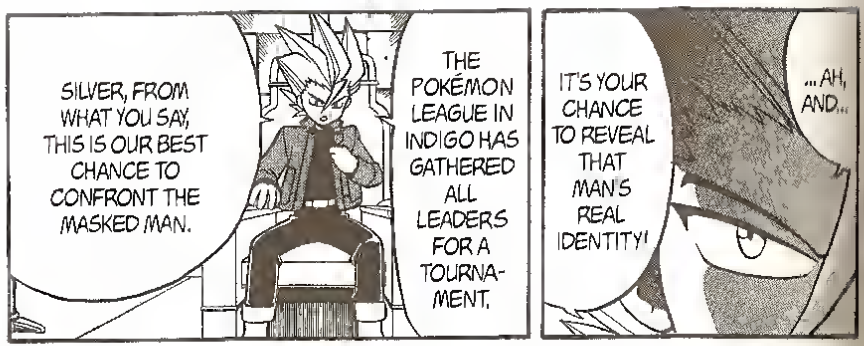
SILVER, FROM WHAT YOU SAY, THIS IS OUR BEST CHANCE TO CONFRONT THE MASKED MAN.
THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IN INDIGO HAS GATHERED ALL LEADERS FOR A TOURNAMENT.
IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO REVEAL THAT MAN'S REAL IDENTITY!
...AH, AND...

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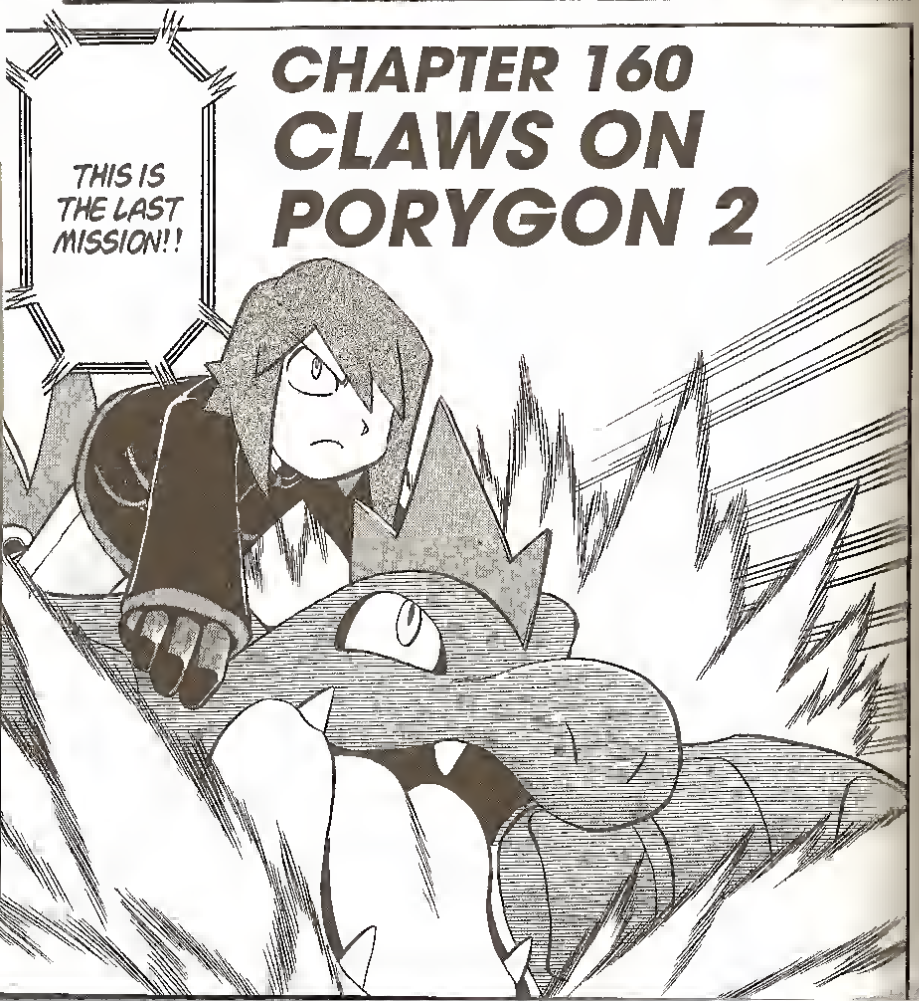
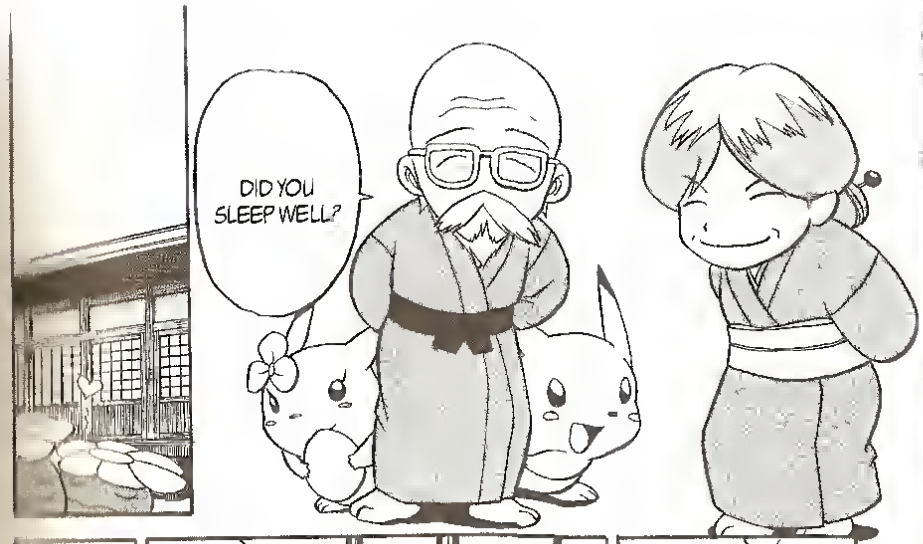
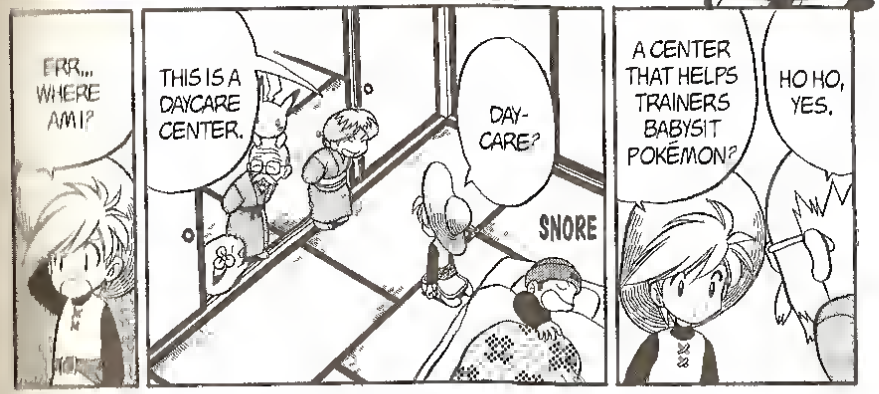
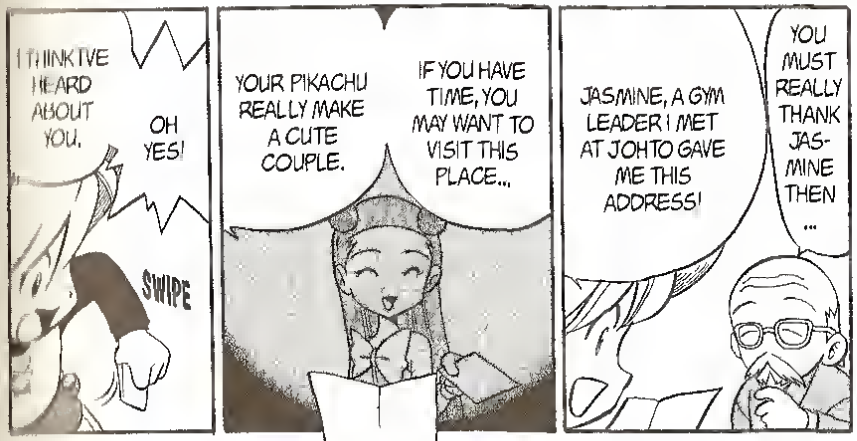
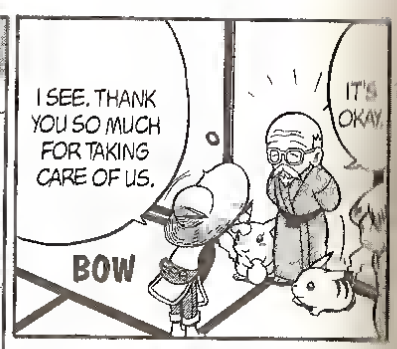


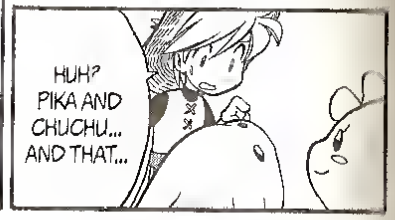


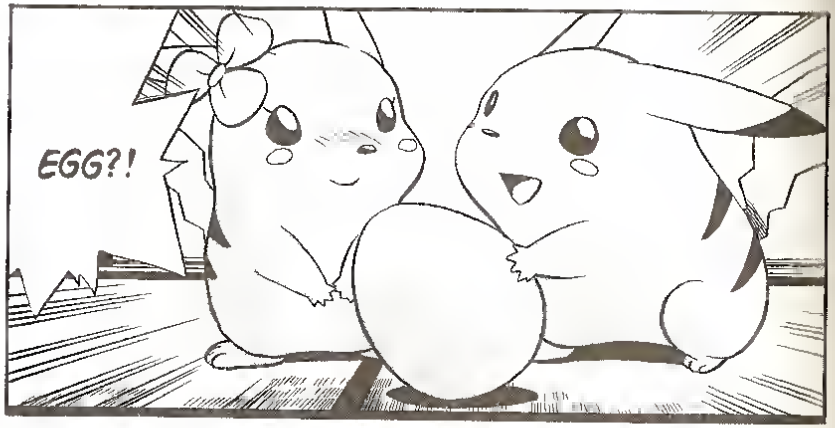


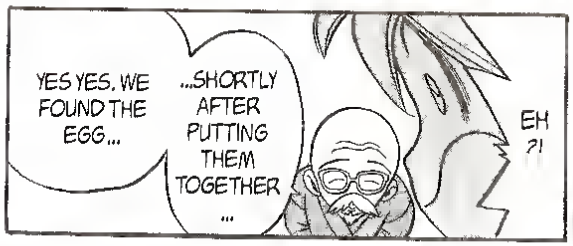

I THINK I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU.
OH YES!
SWIPE
YOUR PIKACHU REALLY MAKE A CUTE COUPLE.
IF YOU HAVE TIME, YOU MAY WANT TO VISIT THIS PLACE...
JASMINE, A GYM LEADER I MET AT JOHTO GAVE ME THIS ADDRESS!
YOU MUST REALLY THANK JASMINE THEN ...

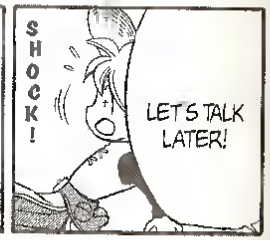
THERE WAS NOTHING TO IDENTIFY YOU WHEN YOU WERE FOUND WASHED UP ON THE SHORE
YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE BECAUSE OF THIS NOTE.

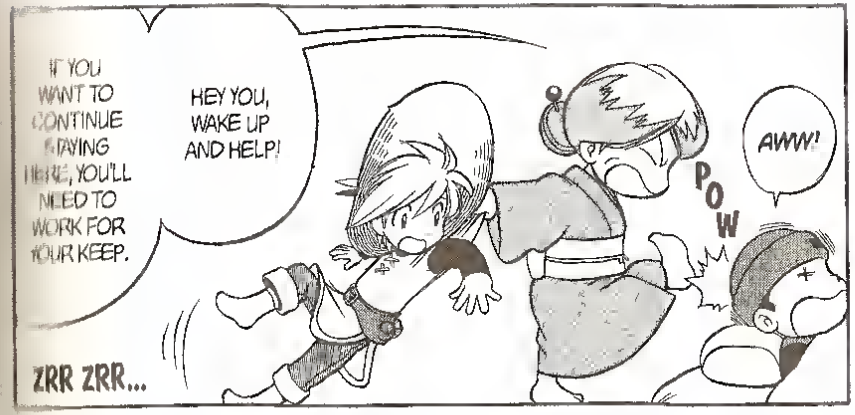

I SEE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING CARE OF US.
BOW
IT'S OKAY.

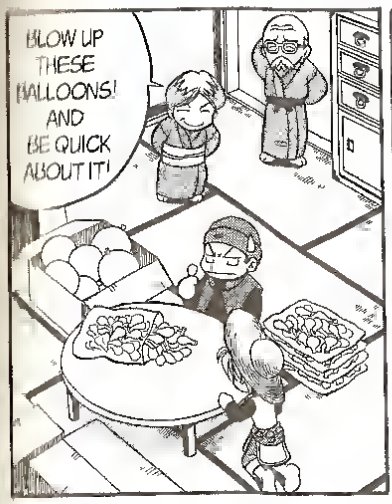

HUH? PIKA AND CHUCHU... AND THAT...

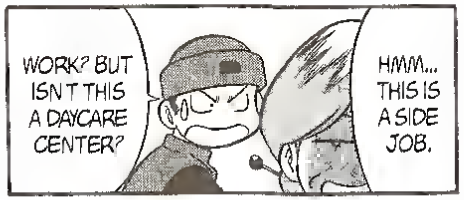

EGG?!


YES YES, WE FOUND THE EGG...
...SHORTLY AFTER PUTTING THEM TOGETHER ...
EH ?!

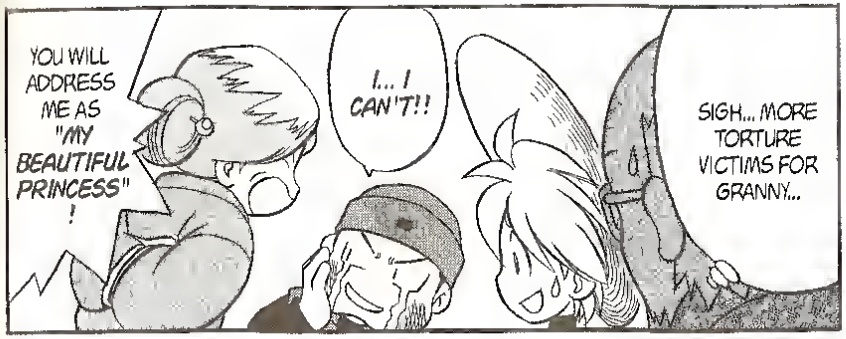

SHOCK!
LET'S TALK LATER!

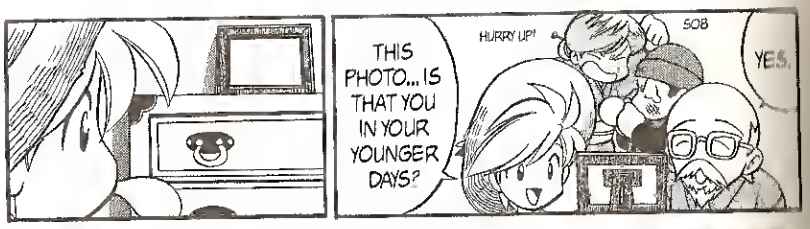

IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE STAYING HERE, YOU'LL NEED TO WORK FOR YOUR KEEP.
HEY YOU, WAKE UP AND HELP!
ZRR ZRR...
POW
AWW!

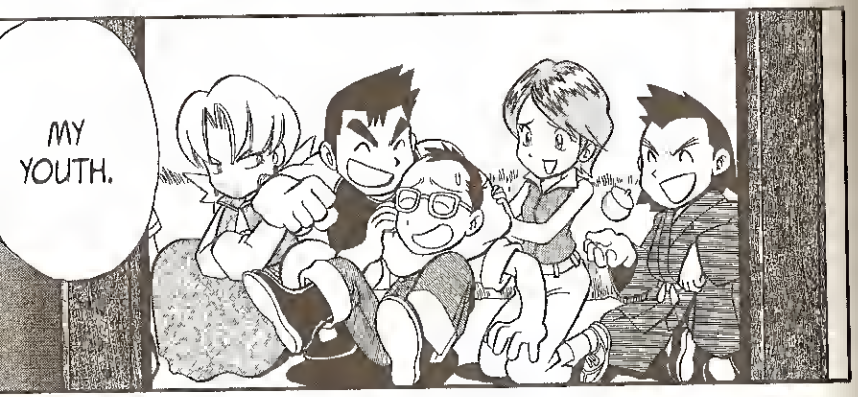

BLOW UP THESE BALLOONS! AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!

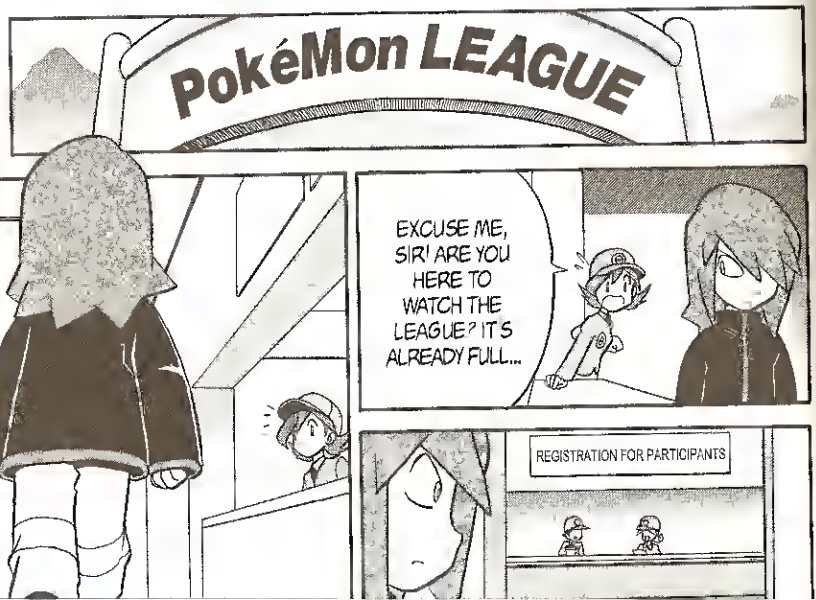

WORK? BUT ISN'T THIS A DAYCARE CENTER?
HMM... THIS IS A SIDE JOB.

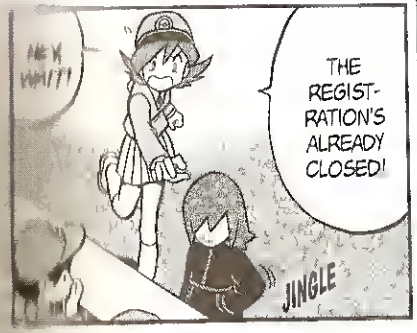
SLAPSLAP
GRANNY, CAN'T WE...
DON'T YOU BE CALLIN ME GRANNY!

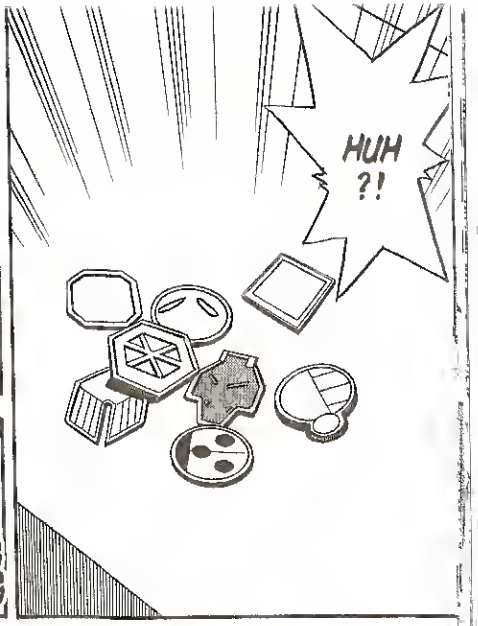

YOU WILL ADDRESS ME AS "MY BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS" !
I... I CAN'T!!
SIGH... MORE TORTURE VICTIMS FOR GRANNY...


THIS PHOTO... IS THAT YOU IN YOUR YOUNGER DAYS?
HURRY UP!
SOB
YES.


MY YOUTH.

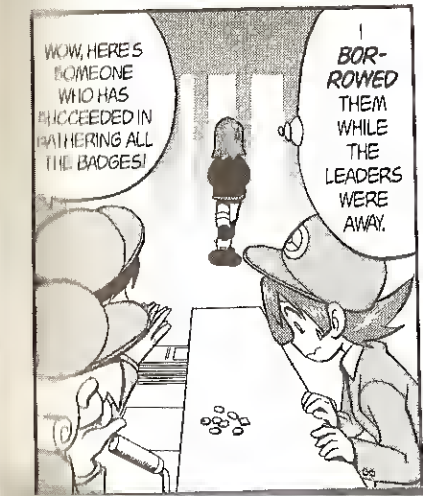

PokéMon LEAGUE
EXCUSE ME, SIR! ARE YOU HERE TO WATCH THE LEAGUE? IT'S ALREADY FULL...
REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

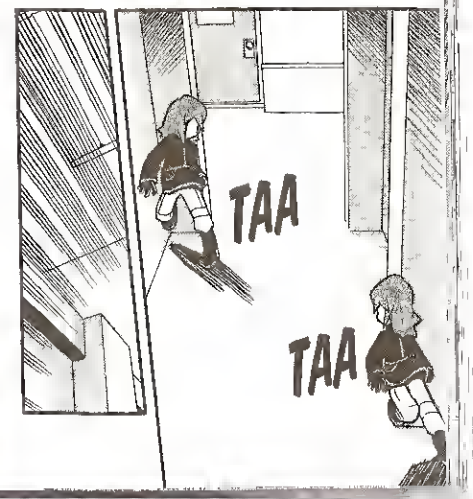

HEY, WAIT!
THE REGIST-RATION'S ALREADY CLOSED!
JINGLE

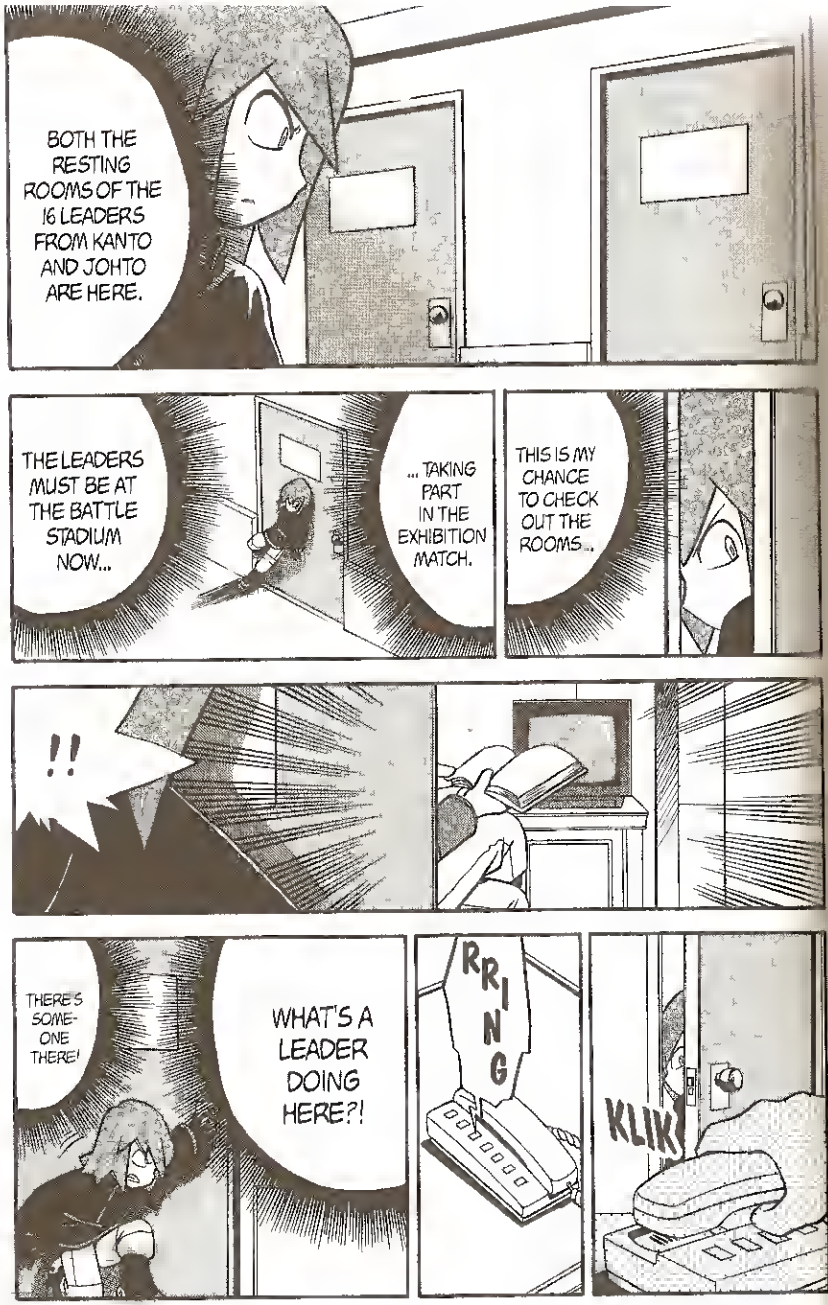

HUH ?!

YOU HAVE TO DO IT BEFORE-HAND...
CLING CLANG

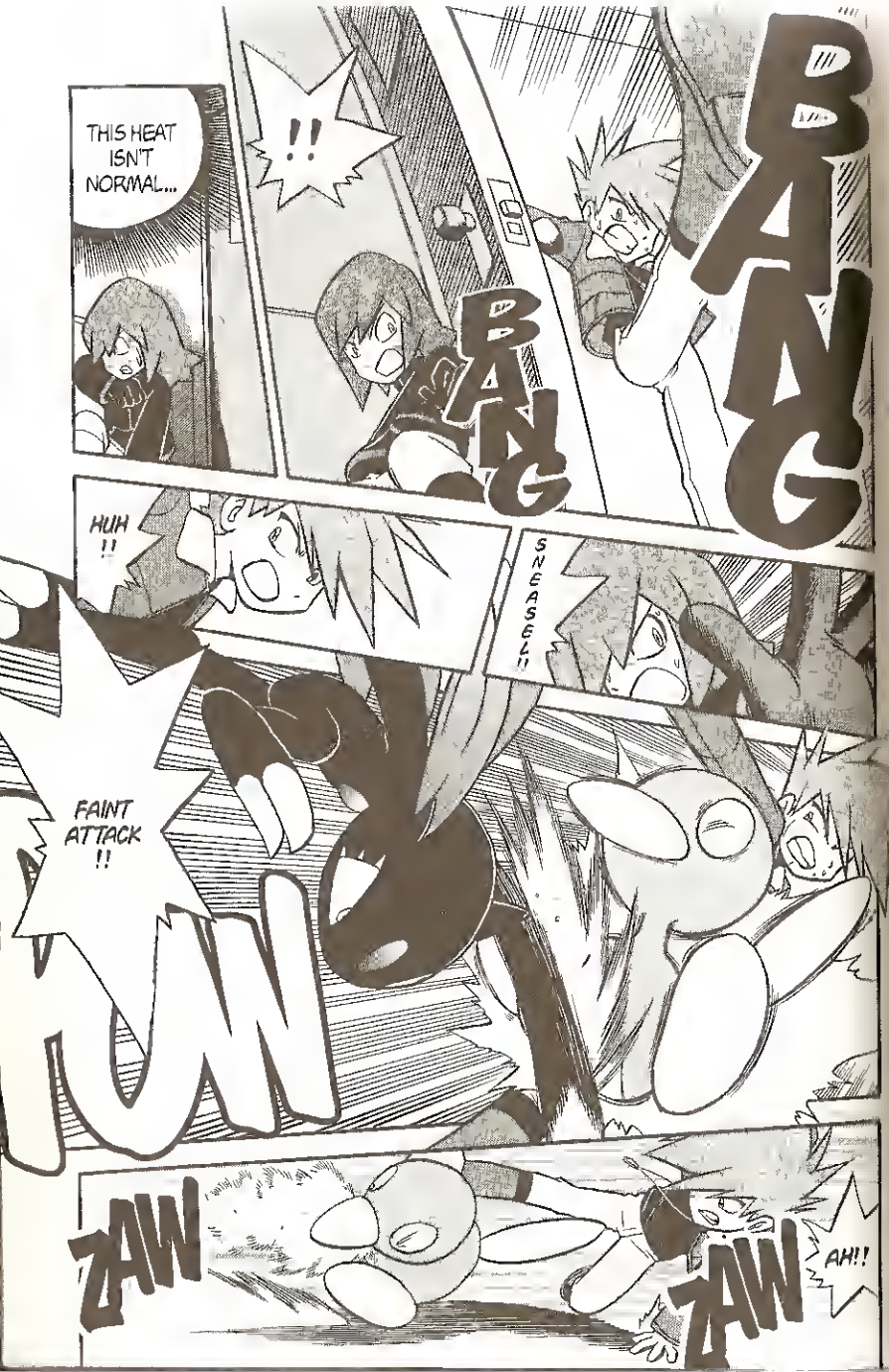
I'VE HEARD THAT I COULD TAKE PART ANYTIME WITH THESE.
OH YES! THIS WAY PLEASE!! YOU CAN TAKE PART UNCONDIT-IONALLY.


WOW, HERE'S SOMEONE WHO HAS SUCCEEDED IN GATHERING ALL THE BADGES!
I BOR-ROWED THEM WHILE THE LEADERS WERE AWAY.


TAA
TAA

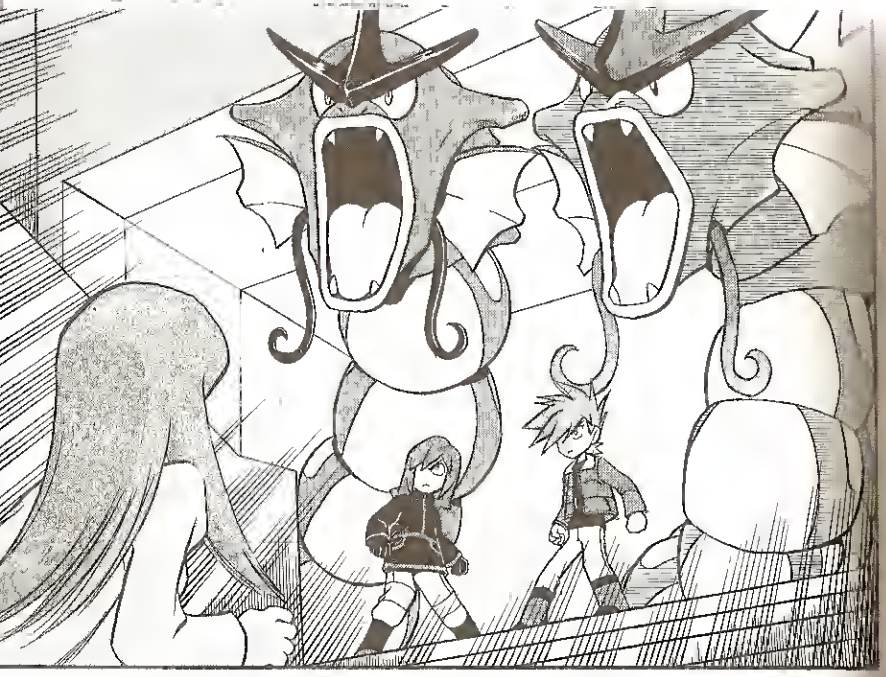

BOTH THE RESTING ROOMS OF THE 16 LEADERS FROM KANTO AND JOHTO ARE HERE.
THE LEADERS MUST BE AT THE BATTLE STADIUM NOW...
... TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION MATCH.
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO CHECK OUT THE ROOMS...
!!
THERE'S SOMEONE THERE!
WHAT'S A LEADER DOING HERE?!
RRING
KLIK

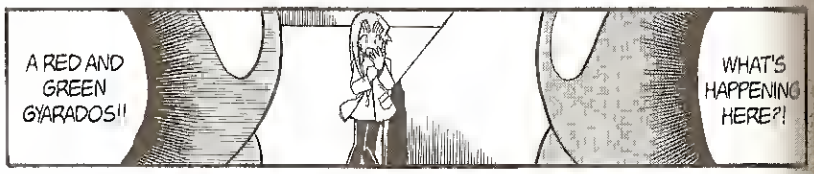
OKAY.
NEW LEADER OF VIRIDIAN GYM, BLUE.
YOUR BATTLE WILL START SOON. PLEASE COME TO THE MAIN BATTLE STADIUM NOW.
SECRETS OF THE LAND
KLK
RED WILL NEVER CHANGE...
JUST BECAUSE HE FEELS BAD ABOUT TAKING MY CHARIZARD, HE LEFT HIS GYARADOS BEHIND.
KAAA
HUH!!
IT'S HOT!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
SOMEBODY...?!

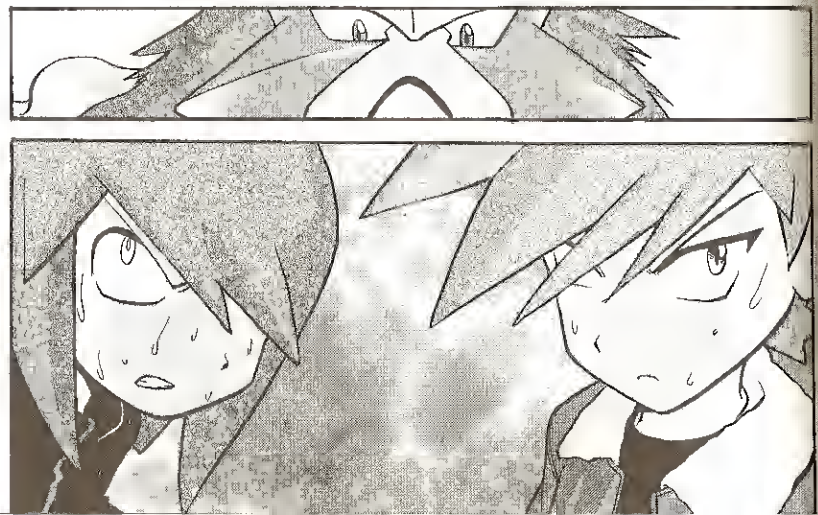

THIS HEAT ISN'T NORMAL...
!!
BANG
BANG
HUH !!
SNEASEL!!
FAINT ATTACK !!
ZAW
ZAW
AH!!

IS THIS THE GUY WHO CREATED THIS HEAT?!
SNEA-SEL! AGAIN!
GAAAS
AND HIS
IT'S USELESS! MY PORYGON 2 IS USING AN ATTACK CALLED CONVERSION 2!
BY LV
NOW MY PORYGON 2 CAN EASILY FEND OFF ANY ATTACKS FROM SNEASEL!!
MY PORYGON 2 IS TYPE DARK IN THIS BATTLE! YOUR ATTACKS MAY NOT BE AS EFFECTIVE AS YOU THINK.
I SEE.
HOW INTEREST-ING.
UH!
KWAAA
!!
WE SEEM TO HAVE MISTAKEN EACH OTHER AS THE CULPRIT FOR THIS HEAT...

LOOK !
THAT'S THE REASON !!
GRRGRR
GNAAAAAA
IT'S AWE-SOME !
THEN ..
THE OPPO-NENT IS ..
CHA
WHAT IS BLUE UP TO? IT'S ALMOST HIS TURN!
KANG KANG
I'M HERE BECAUSE GRANDFATHER CAN'T LEAVE HIS RESEARCH.
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE TO DOUBLE AS A SUMMONER !
IT SEEMS UNUSUALLY HOT. IS THE AIR-CONDITIONER DOWN?
!!







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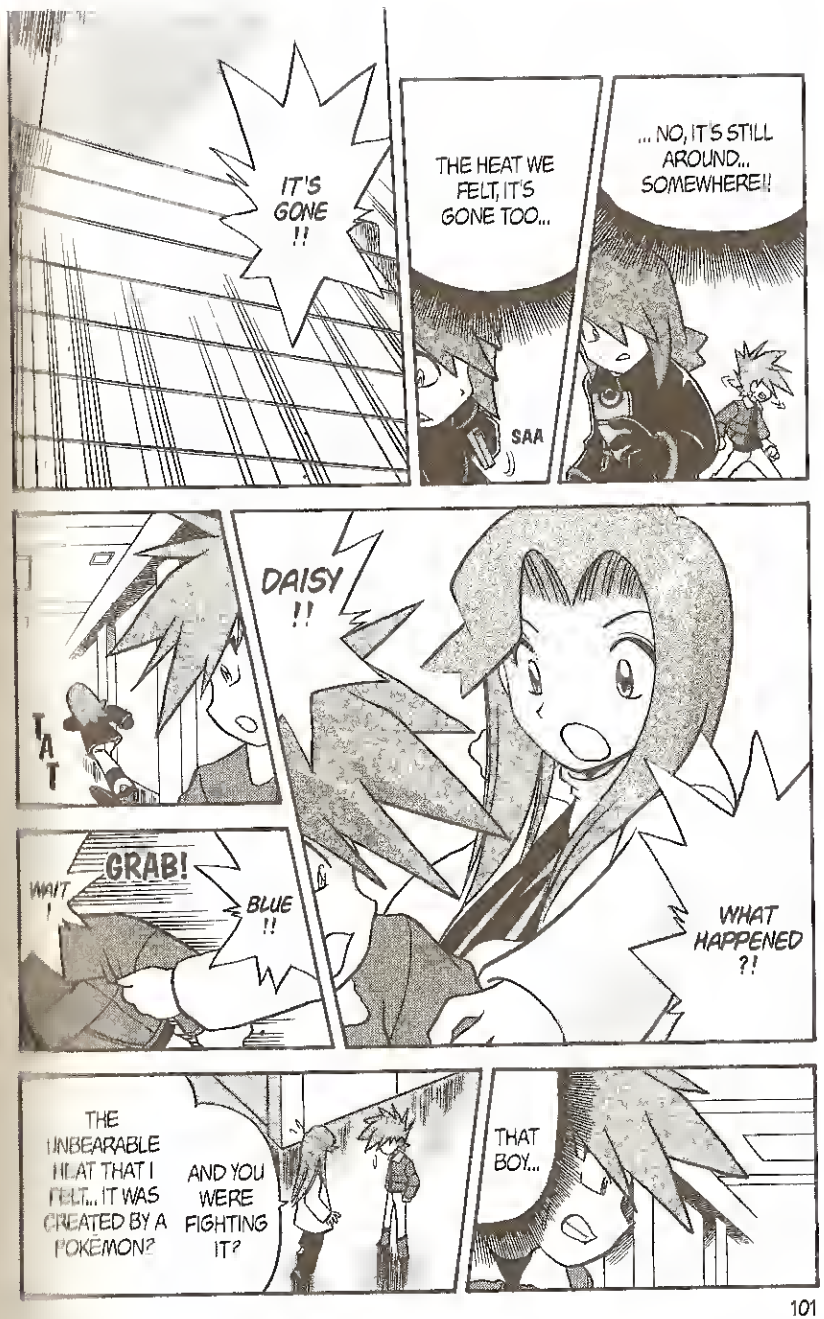
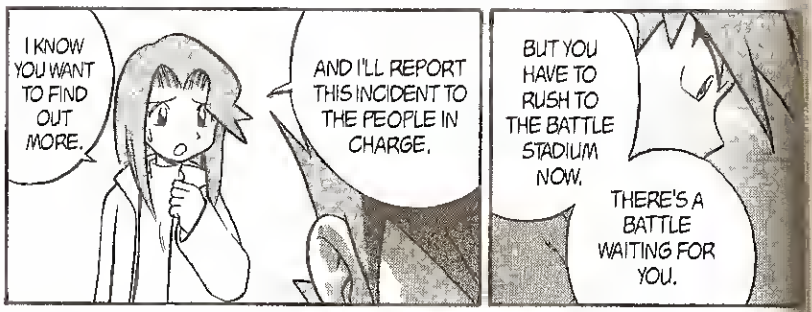
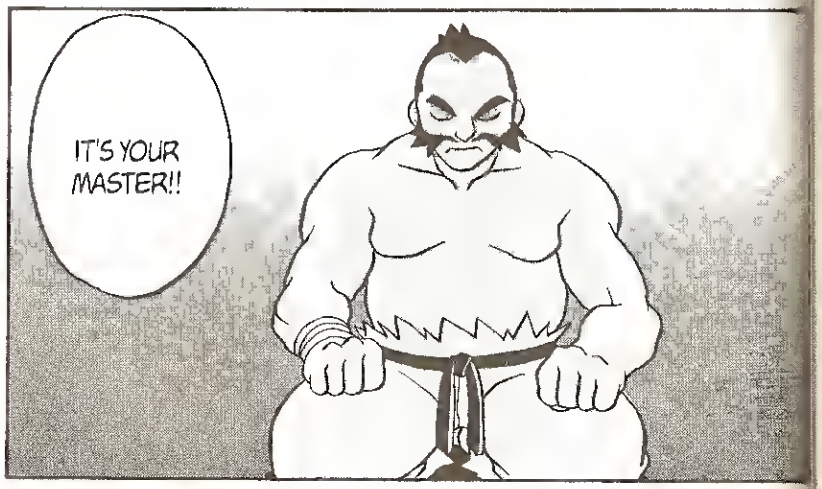
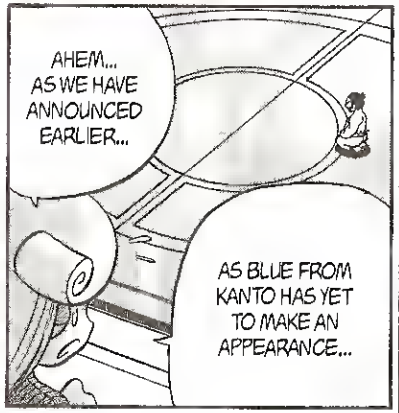
SHOOM
AL-RIGHT!
KAA
GW
GW
THIS FLAME!!
ARGH!!
!!
!!

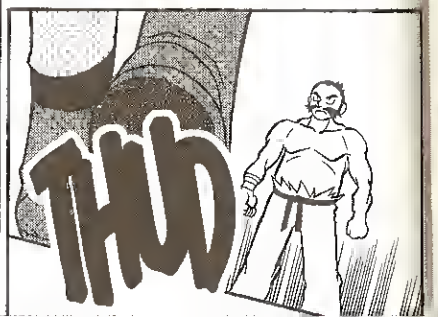

IT'S GONE!!
THE HEAT WE FELT, IT'S GONE TOO...
SAA
... NO, IT'S STILL AROUND... SOMEWHERE!!
DAISY!!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
GRAB!
WAIT!
BLUE!!
THE UNBEARABLE HEAT THAT I FELT... IT WAS CREATED BY A POKEMON?
AND YOU WERE FIGHTING IT?
THAT BOY...

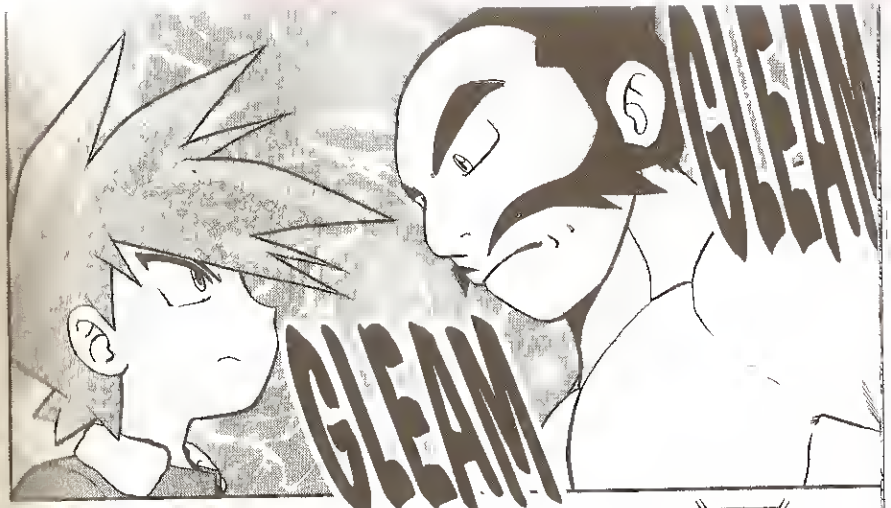

I KNOW YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE.
AND I'LL REPORT THIS INCIDENT TO THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE.
BUT YOU HAVE TO RUSH TO THE BATTLE STADIUM NOW.
THERE'S A BATTLE WAITING FOR YOU.


IT'S YOUR MASTER!!

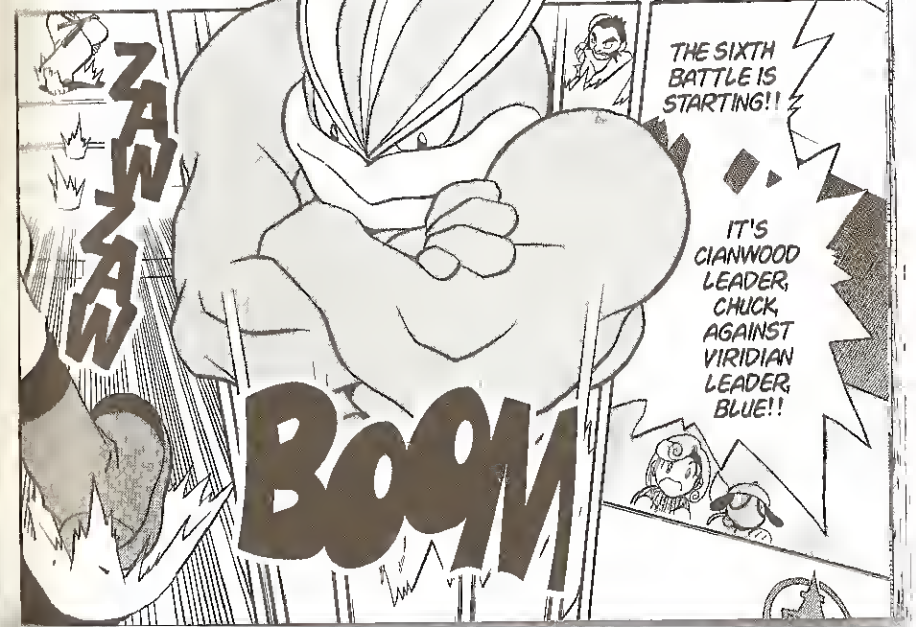

AHEM... AS WE HAVE ANNOUNCED EARLIER...
AS BLUE FROM KANTO HAS YET TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE...

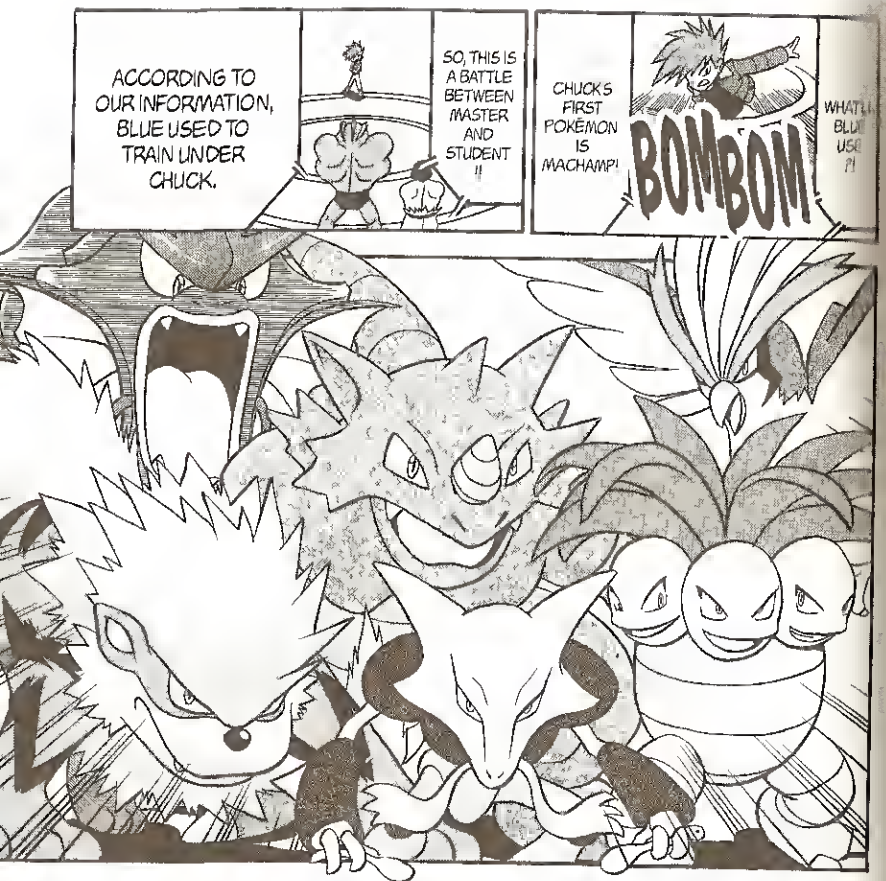
AH! HE'S HERE!!

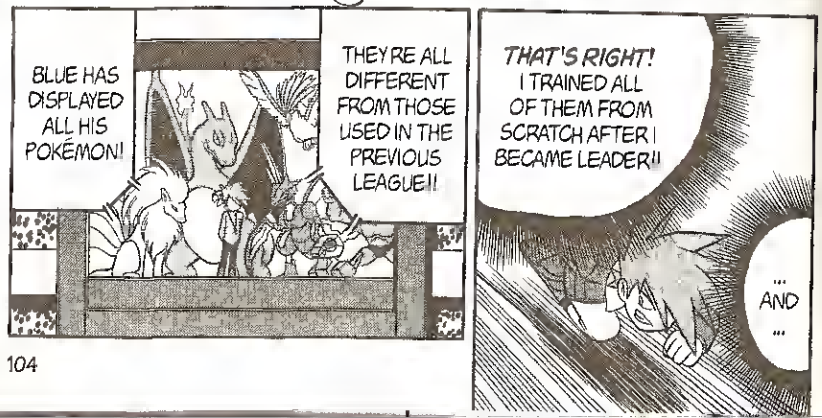

THUD

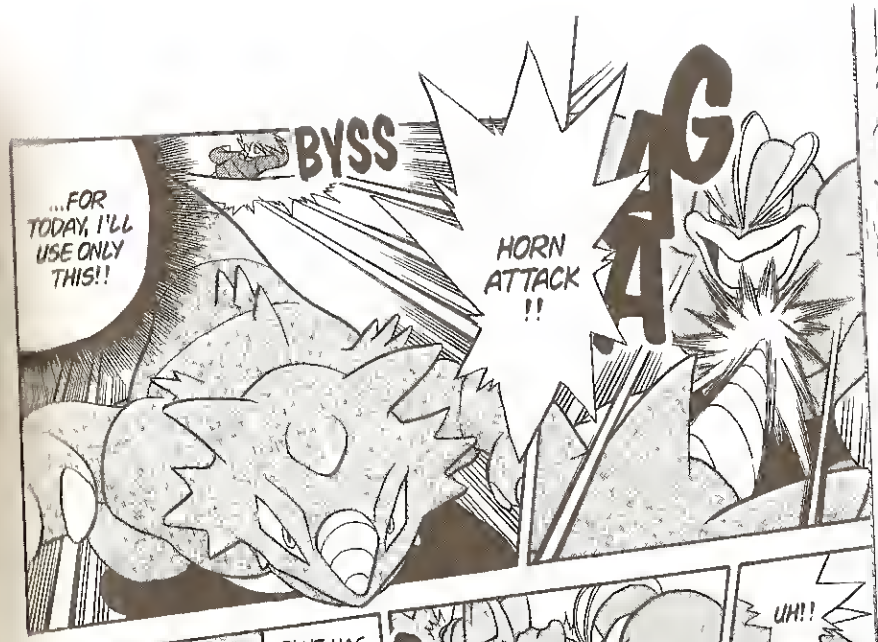

GLEAM
GLEAM

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE.
OH... OKAY...
BATTLE START!!

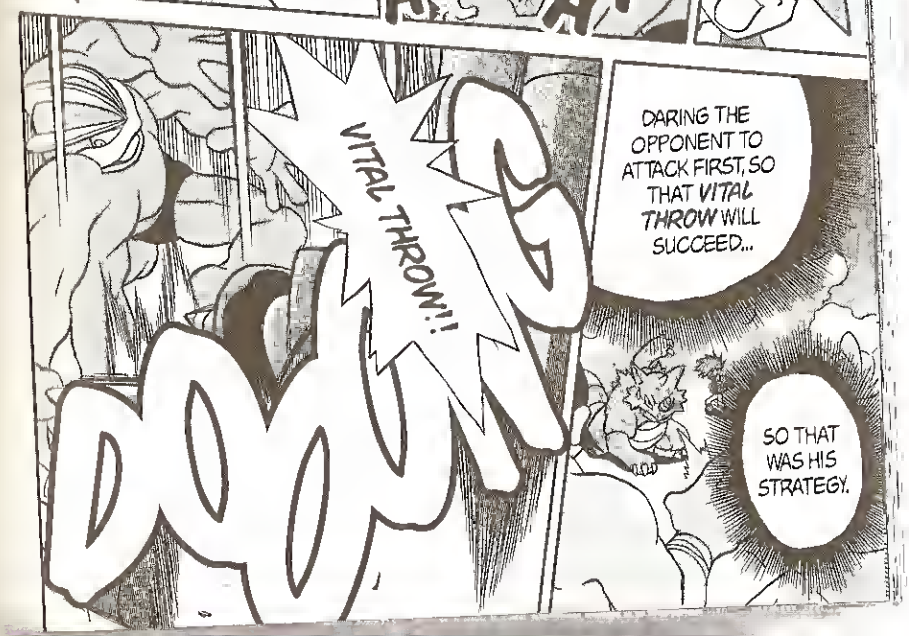

THE SIXTH BATTLE IS STARTING!!
IT'S CIANWOOD LEADER, CHUCK, AGAINST VIRIDIAN LEADER, BLUE!!
ZAWAW
BOOM


ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, BLUE USED TO TRAIN UNDER CHUCK.
SO, THIS IS A BATTLE BETWEEN MASTER AND STUDENT !!
CHUCK'S FIRST POKÉMON IS MACHAMP!
BOMBOM
WHAT'S BLUE USE ?!

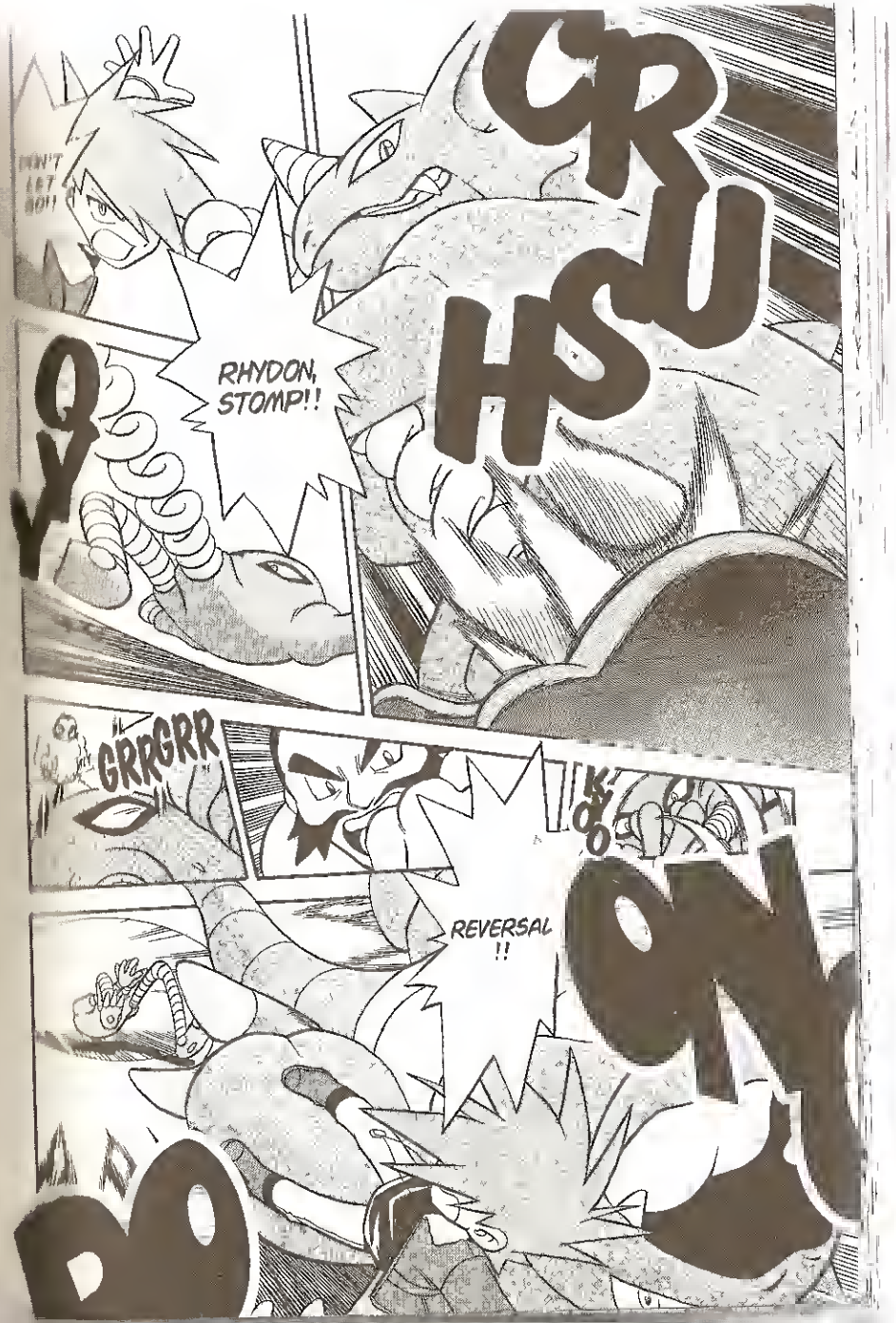

BLUE HAS DISPLAYED ALL HIS POKÉMON!
THEY'RE ALL DIFFERENT FROM THOSE USED IN THE PREVIOUS LEAGUE!!
THAT'S RIGHT! I TRAINED ALL OF THEM FROM SCRATCH AFTER I BECAME LEADER!!
... AND ...

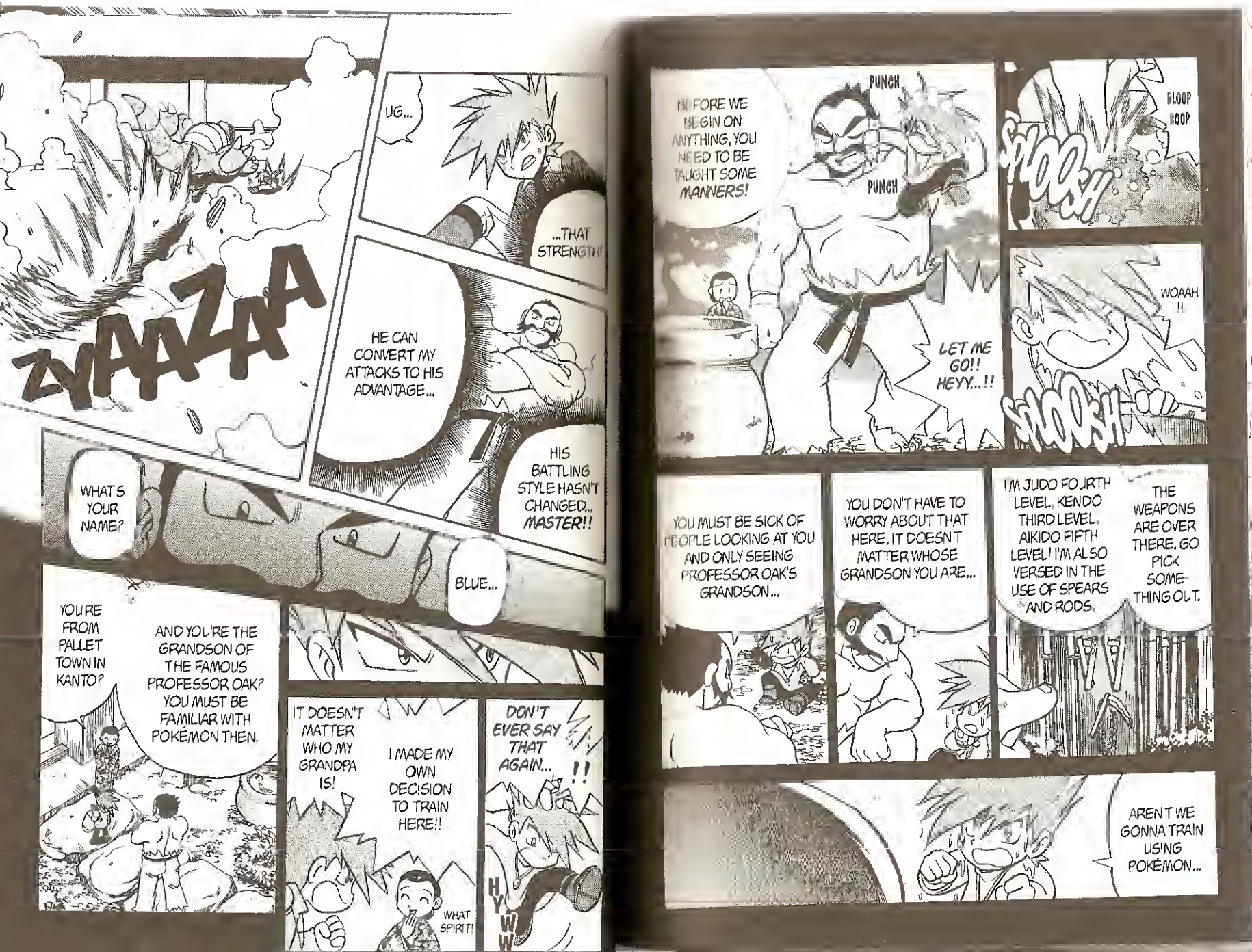

...FOR TODAY, I'LL USE ONLY THIS!!
BYSS
HORN ATTACK !!
GA

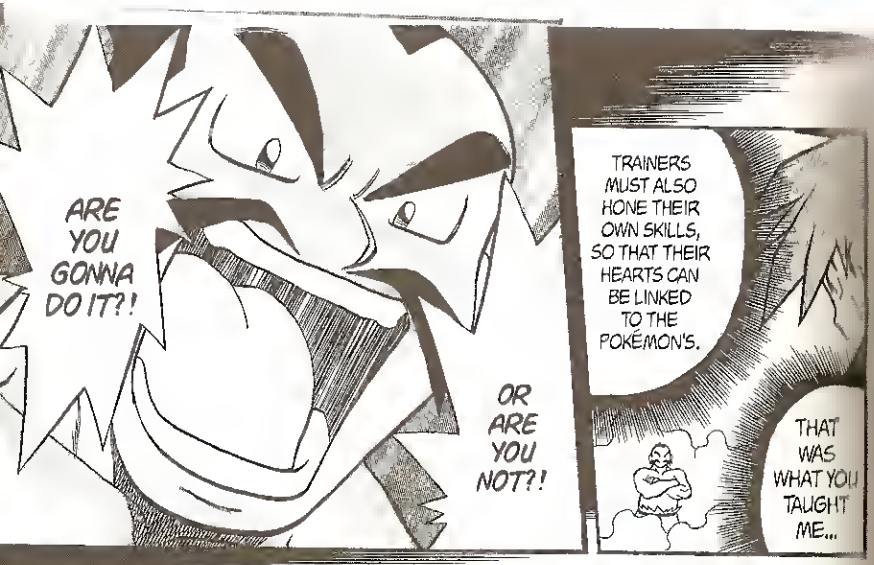
ZZAA
BLUE HAS BEATEN CHUCK TO THE FIRST ATTACK!!
GA
GA
UH!!

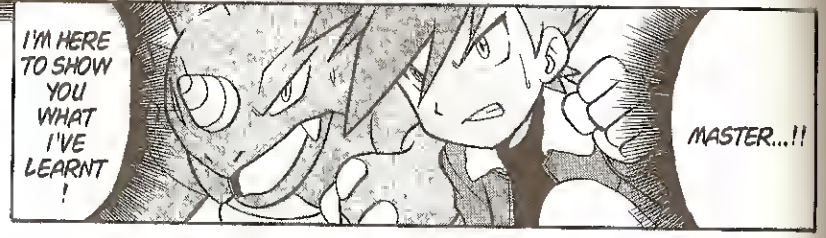

VITAL THROW!!
DARING THE OPPONENT TO ATTACK FIRST, SO THAT VITAL THROW WILL SUCCEED...
SO THAT WAS HIS STRATEGY.

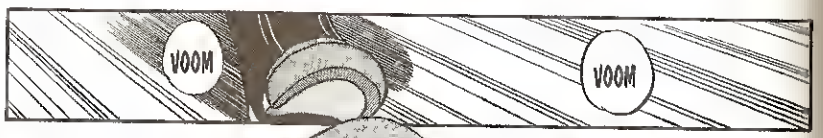
HITMONLEE...
MIND READER !!
SWAA
THANG
THANG
BOOM
BOOM
SWAA
AFTER HITMONLEE RELEASED MIND READER, IT CAN READ ALL OF RHYDON'S MOVEMENTS!!
CHUCK HAS THE ADVANTAGE NOW!!
BOOM


DON'T LET HIM!
RHYDON, STOMP!!
CRUSH
GRRGRR
REVERSAL !!
BOOM


ZYAAZAA
UG...
...THAT STRENGTH!
HE CAN CONVERT MY ATTACKS TO HIS ADVANTAGE...
HIS BATTLING STYLE HASN'T CHANGED... MASTER!!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
BLUE...
YOU'RE FROM PALLET TOWN IN KANTO?
AND YOU'RE THE GRANDSON OF THE FAMOUS PROFESSOR OAK? YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH POKÉMON THEN.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO MY GRANDPA IS!
I MADE MY OWN DECISION TO TRAIN HERE!!
WHAT SPIRIT!
DON'T EVER SAY THAT AGAIN... !!
HYWW
BEFORE WE BEGIN ON ANYTHING, YOU NEED TO BE TAUGHT SOME MANNERS!
PUNCH
PUNCH
LET ME GO!! HEYY...!!
BLOOP BOOP
SPOOSH
WOAAH !!
SPLOOSH
YOU MUST BE SICK OF PEOPLE LOOKING AT YOU AND ONLY SEEING PROFESSOR OAK'S GRANDSON...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT HERE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHOSE GRANDSON YOU ARE...
I'M JUDO FOURTH LEVEL, KENDO THIRD LEVEL, AIKIDO FIFTH LEVEL! I'M ALSO VERSED IN THE USE OF SPEARS AND RODS.
THE WEAPONS ARE OVER THERE. GO PICK SOMETHING OUT.
AREN'T WE GONNA TRAIN USING POKÉMON...


ARE YOU GONNA DO IT?!
OR ARE YOU NOT?!
TRAINERS MUST ALSO HONE THEIR OWN SKILLS, SO THAT THEIR HEARTS CAN BE LINKED TO THE POKÉMON'S.
THAT WAS WHAT YOU TAUGHT ME...


I'M HERE TO SHOW YOU WHAT I'VE LEARNT!
MASTER...!!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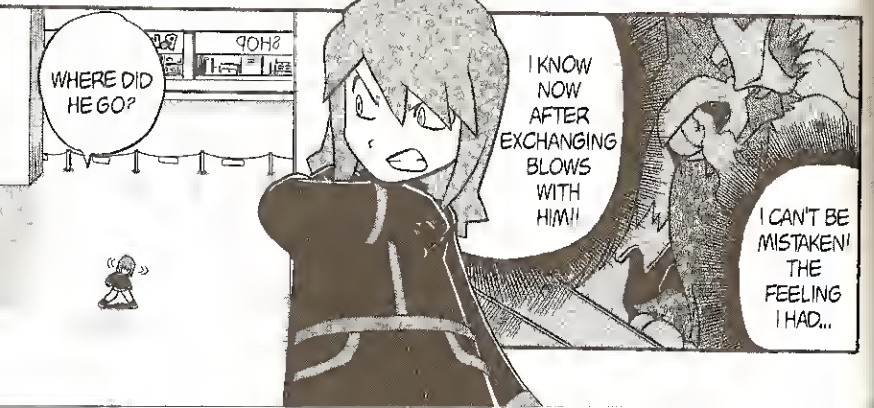
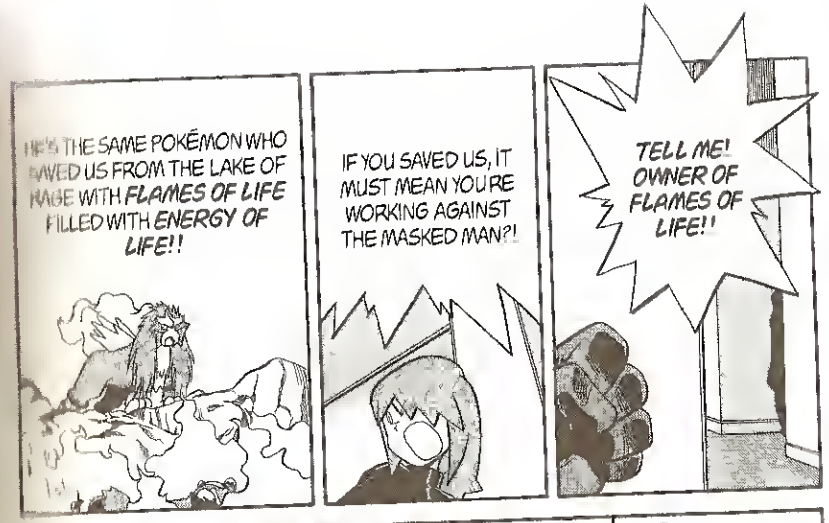
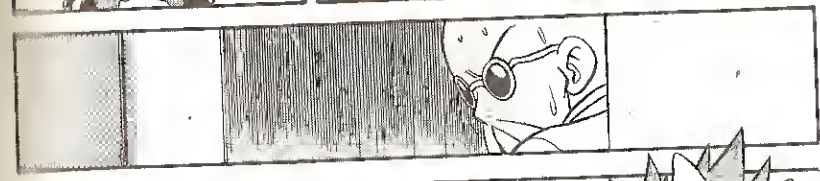
VOOM


WHERE DID HE GO?
I KNOW NOW AFTER EXCHANGING BLOWS WITH HIM!!
I CAN'T BE MISTAKEN! THE FEELING I HAD...

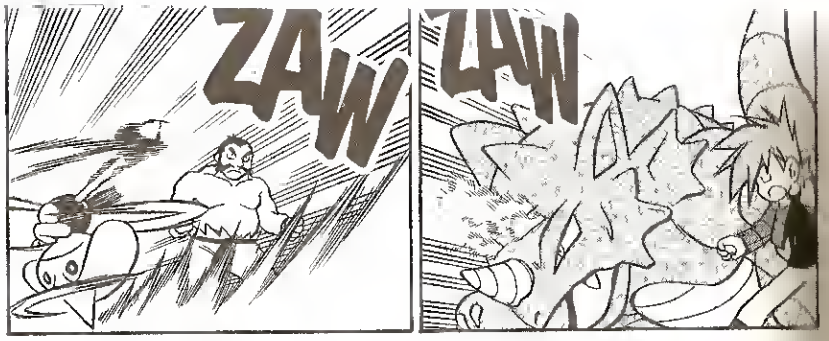

HE'S THE SAME POKÉMON WHO SAVED US FROM THE LAKE OF RAGE WITH FLAMES OF LIFE FILLED WITH ENERGY OF LIFE!!
IF YOU SAVED US, IT MUST MEAN YOU'RE WORKING AGAINST THE MASKED MAN?!
TELL ME! OWNER OF FLAMES OF LIFE!!



FLAMES OF LIFE...
SWAY SWAY
WHAT A NAME...
SO THAT KID IS ALSO LOOKING FOR YOU.
MY APOLOGIES, BOY.
FOR THE MOMENT, ENTEI WILL BE STAYING WITH ME.

BOOM
STORE
ENTEI... THERE'S TALK THAT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR A BATTLE PARTNER...
I'M THE EXPERT OF FIRE, AND I MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION THAT MAY BE OF USE TO YOU.
UNFORTUNATELY, THIS ILLNESS HAS LEFT ME WEAK...
LET'S MAKE A BET...
MY SEARCH FOR A CURE HAD BEEN FRUITLESS UNTIL I LEARNT OF A SPECIAL FLAME CAN CLEANSE THIS VIRUS IN ME...
BKK
BKK
AND THE OWNER OF THE FLAMES IS A LEGENDARY POKÉMON...
JUST AS YOU'VE SEARCHED FOR ME, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU...
PLEASE!!
BKK
BKK

BOOM
HITMONTOP !!
CHUCK'S CHANGED POKÉMON AGAIN!!
HE'S SUMMONED HITMONTOP NOW!!
AFTER MULTIPLE ATTACKS ON BLUE'S RHYDON, AND CAUSING SOME MAJOR DAMAGE...
GYWAAAAAAN
GAAGAAAA
CHAPTER 162
SPINNING TOP, HITMONTOP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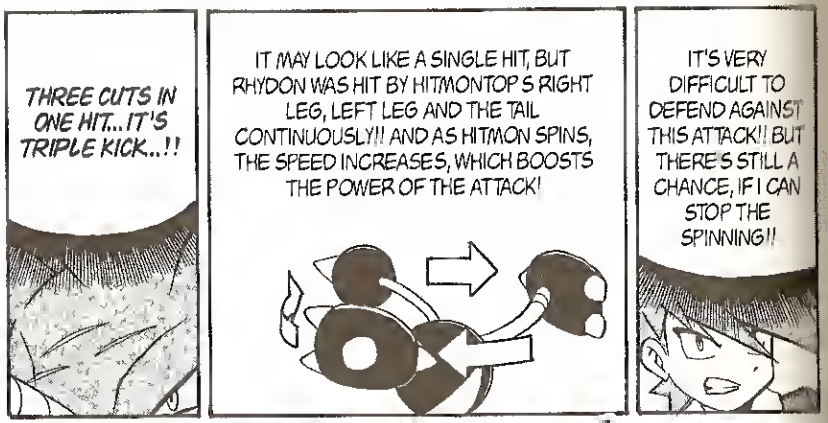
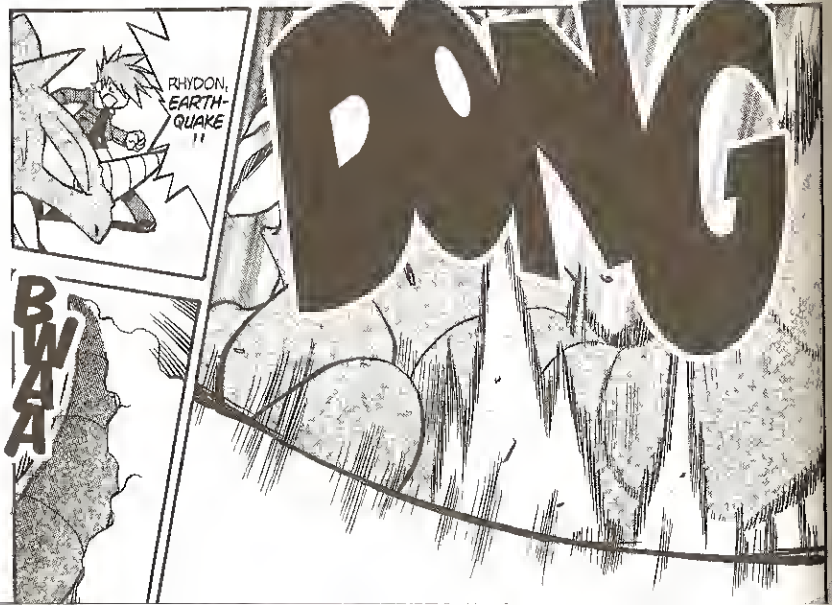
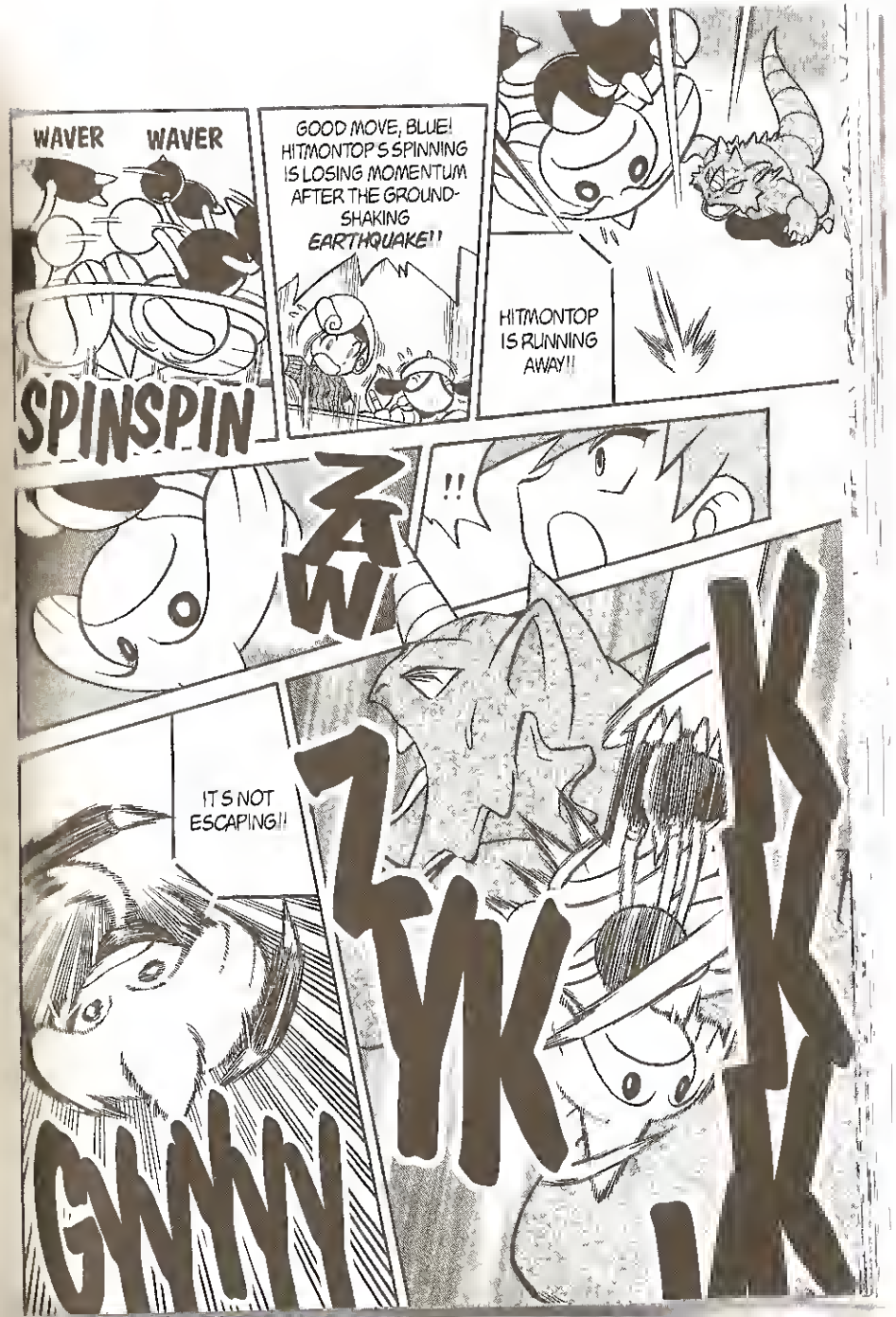
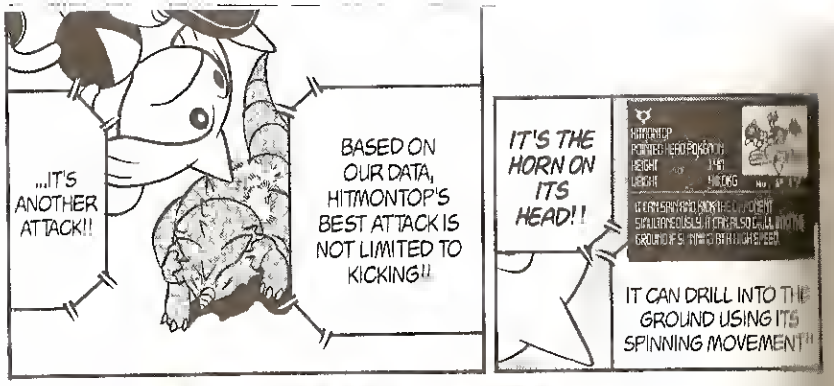
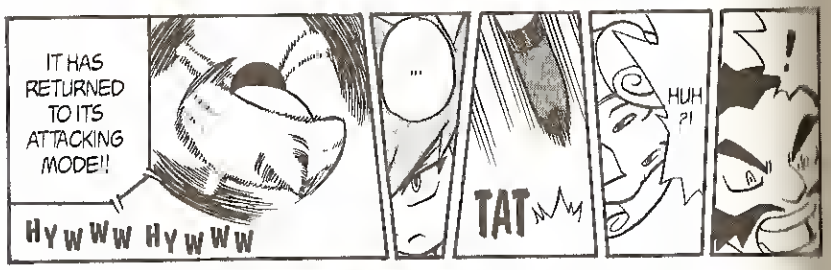
ZAW

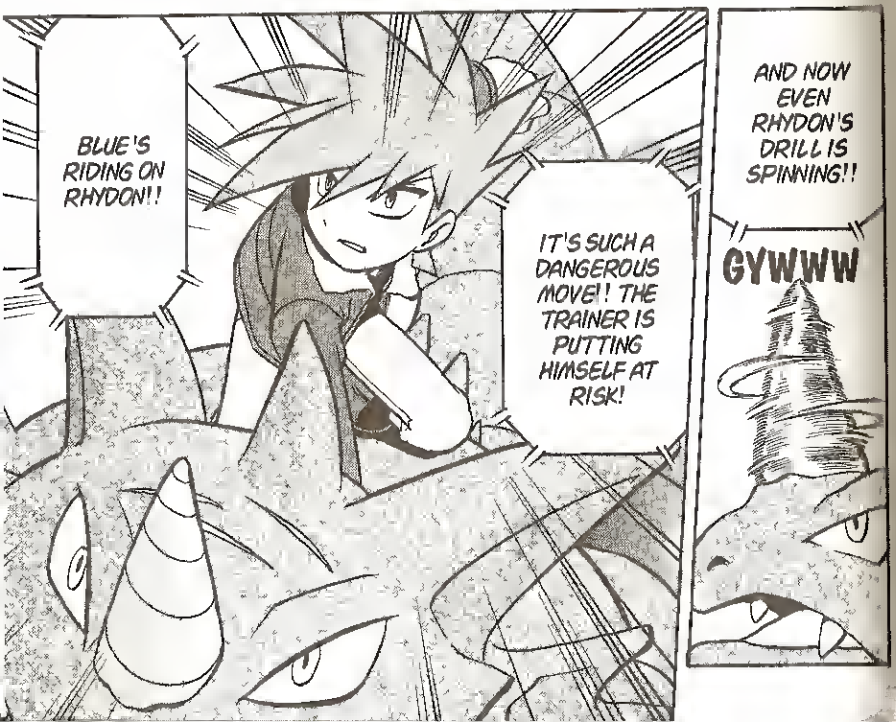

THREE CUTS IN ONE HIT...IT'S TRIPLE KICK..!!
IT MAY LOOK LIKE A SINGLE HIT, BUT RHYDON WAS HIT BY HITMONTOP'S RIGHT LEG, LEFT LEG AND THE TAIL CONTINUOUSLY!! AND AS HITMON SPINS, THE SPEED INCREASES, WHICH BOOSTS THE POWER OF THE ATTACK!
IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DEFEND AGAINST THIS ATTACK!! BUT THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, IF I CAN STOP THE SPINNING!!


RHYDON, EARTH-QUAKE !!
DONG
BWAA

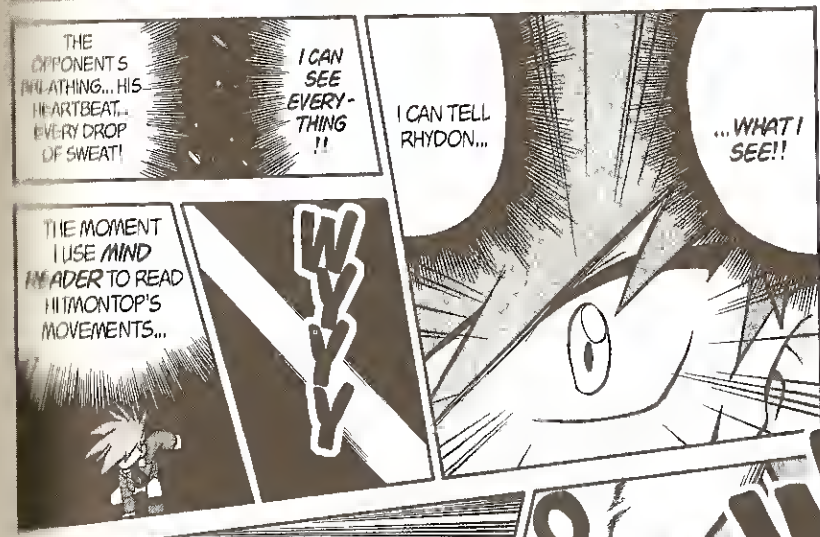

WAVER WAVER
SPINSPIN
GOOD MOVE, BLUE! HITMONTOP'S SPINNING IS LOSING MOMENTUM AFTER THE GROUND-SHAKING EARTHQUAKE!!
HITMONTOP IS RUNNING AWAY!!
!!
ZAW
IT'S NOT ESCAPING!!
ZYKK
GWWW
K


...IT'S ANOTHER ATTACK!!
BASED ON OUR DATA, HITMONTOP'S BEST ATTACK IS NOT LIMITED TO KICKING!!
IT'S THE HORN ON ITS HEAD!!
IT CAN DRILL INTO THE GROUND USING ITS SPINNING MOVEMENT!!

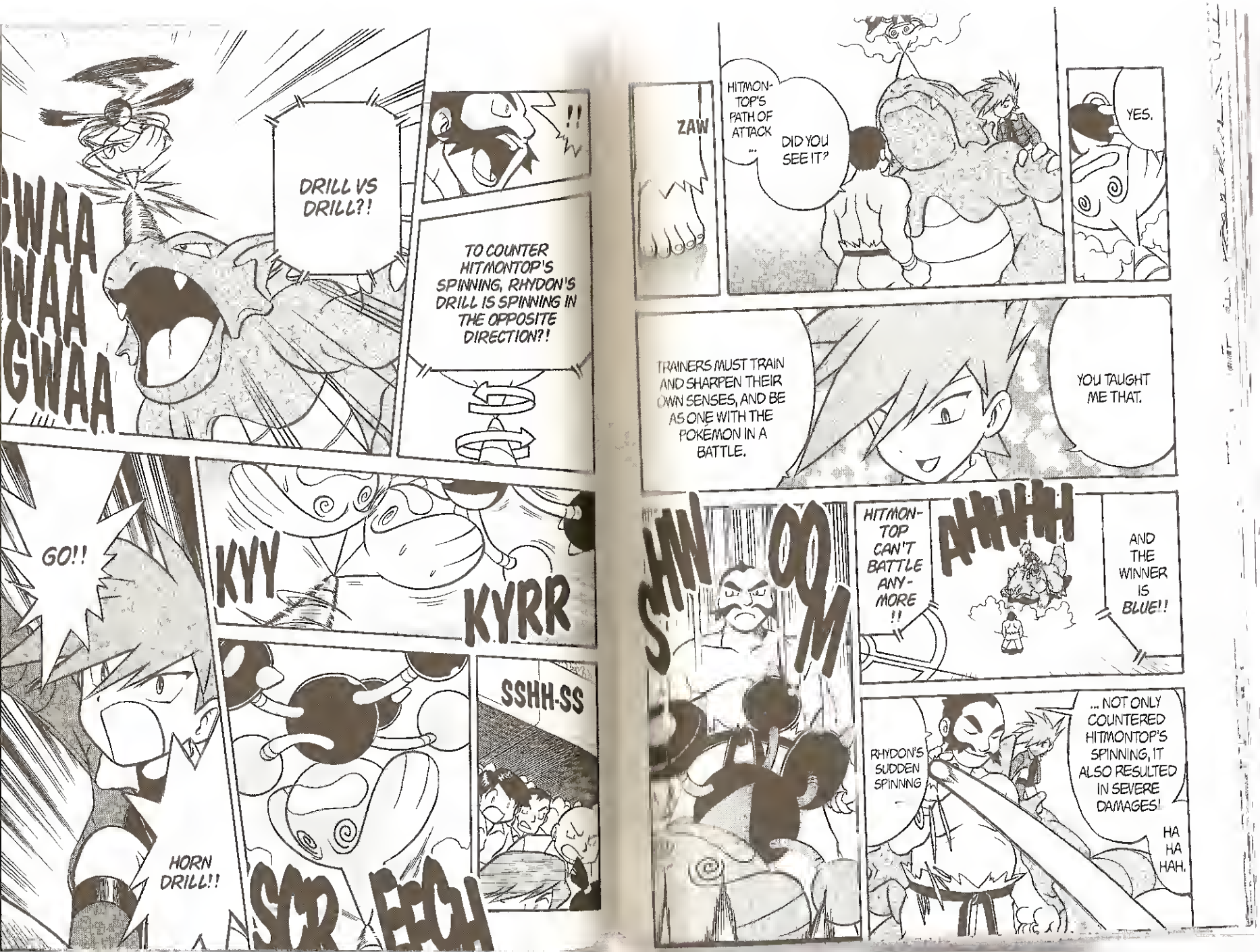

IT HAS RETURNED TO ITS ATTACKING MODE!!
HYWWW HYWWW
...
TAT
HUH ?!
!


BLUE'S RIDING ON RHYDON!!
IT'S SUCH A DANGEROUS MOVE!! THE TRAINER IS PUTTING HIMSELF AT RISK!
AND NOW EVEN RHYDON'S DRILL IS SPINNING!!
GYWWW

I CAN SENSE THE FLOW OF THE AIR AROUND ME!!
I CAN HEAR EVERY-THING!!


THE OPPONENT'S BREATHING... HIS HEARTBEAT... EVERY DROP OF SWEAT!
I CAN SEE EVERY-THING !!
I CAN TELL RHYDON...
...WHAT I SEE!!
THE MOMENT I USE MIND READER TO READ HITMONTOP'S MOVEMENTS...
WYY

THERE!! RHYDON!!!
KYYWW


GWAA
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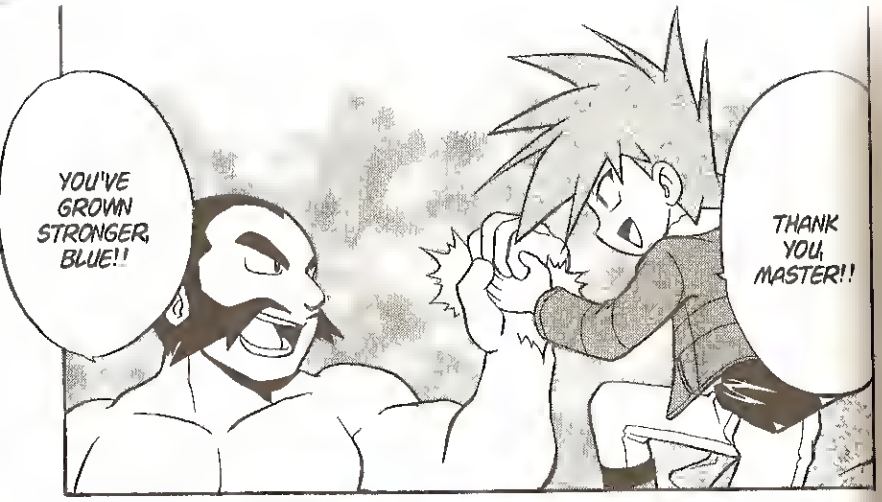
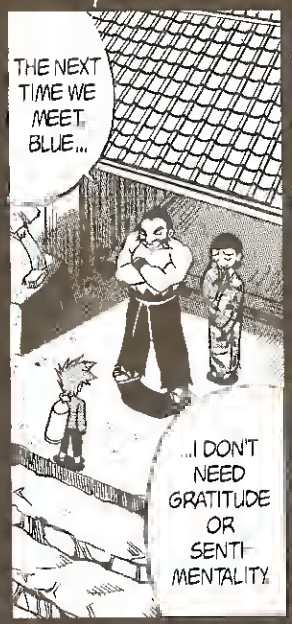
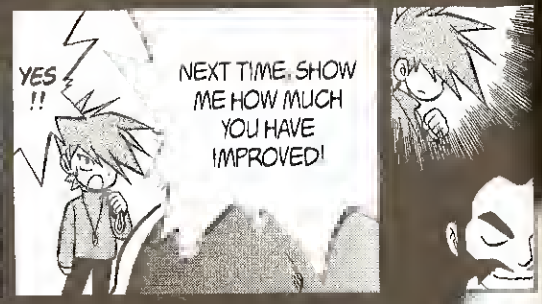
DRILL VS DRILL?!
!!
TO COUNTER HITMONTOP'S SPINNING, RHYDON'S DRILL IS SPINNING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION?!
GO!!
KYY
KYRR
HORN DRILL!!
SSHH-SS
SCR
EECH
ZAW
HITMON-TOP'S PATH OF ATTACK ...
DID YOU SEE IT?
YES.
TRAINERS MUST TRAIN AND SHARPEN THEIR OWN SENSES, AND BE AS ONE WITH THE POKÉMON IN A BATTLE.
YOU TAUGHT ME THAT.
SHW
OOM
HITMON-TOP CAN'T BATTLE ANY-MORE !!
AHHHH
AND THE WINNER IS BLUE!!
RHYDON'S SUDDEN SPINNNG
... NOT ONLY COUNTERED HITMONTOP'S SPINNING, IT ALSO RESULTED IN SEVERE DAMAGES!
HA HA HAH.


YOU'VE GROWN STRONGER, BLUE!!
THANK YOU, MASTER!!

I'VE KEPT MY PROMISE TO YOU...
CIANWOOD GYM
GYM LEADER CHUCK


THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, BLUE...
...I DON'T NEED GRATITUDE OR SENTIMENTALITY.

A BATTLE'S WORTH MORE THAT WORDS!!
WE'LL HAVE A GOOD FIGHT !!


YES !!
NEXT TIME, SHOW ME HOW MUCH YOU HAVE IMPROVED!

WELL DONE! AND YOU'RE STILL AS GOOD AT TRAINING POKÉMON!
CONSIDERING THAT YOU WERE A ROOKIE.

BUT... WHY RHYDON?
THIS IS THE REASON.

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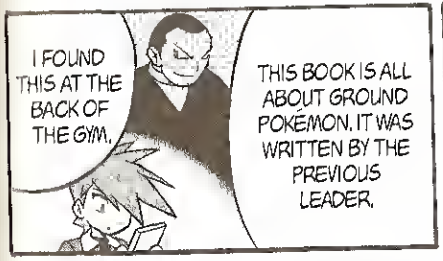
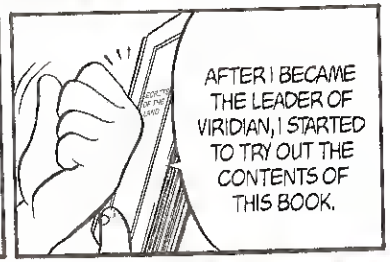
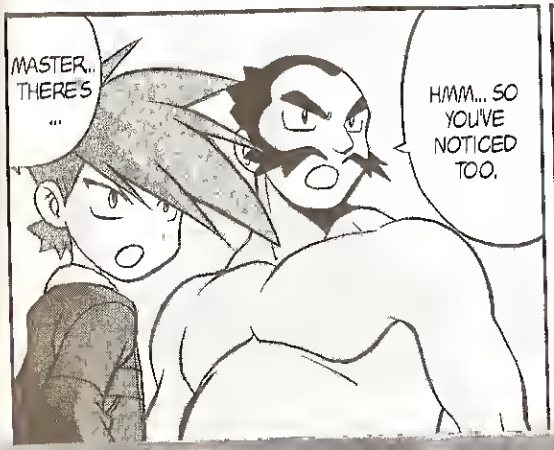
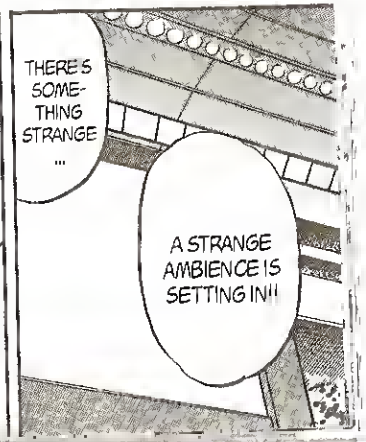
SECRETS OF THE LAND

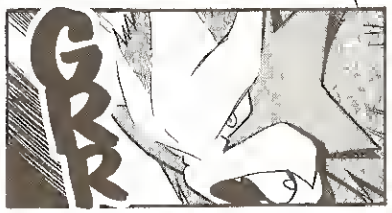

I FOUND THIS AT THE BACK OF THE GYM.
THIS BOOK IS ALL ABOUT GROUND POKÉMON. IT WAS WRITTEN BY THE PREVIOUS LEADER.


AFTER I BECAME THE LEADER OF VIRIDIAN, I STARTED TO TRY OUT THE CONTENTS OF THIS BOOK.


MASTER.. THERE'S ...
HMM... SO YOU'VE NOTICED TOO.


THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ...
A STRANGE AMBIENCE IS SETTING IN!!

SHKKKKK
ROAAR!
STORE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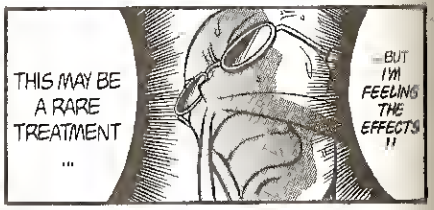
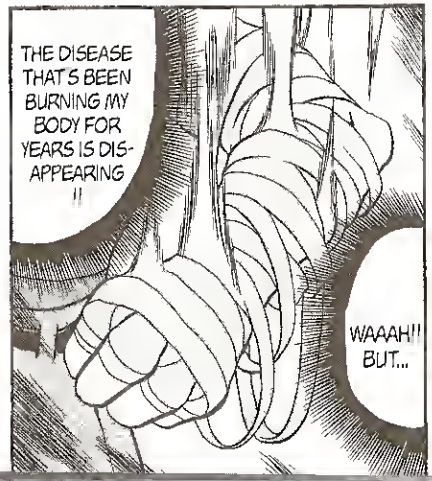
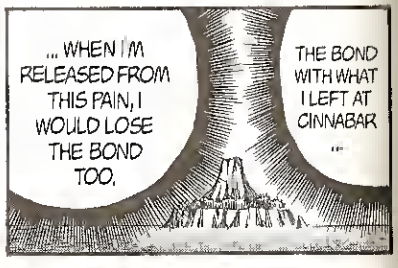
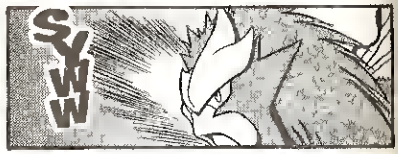
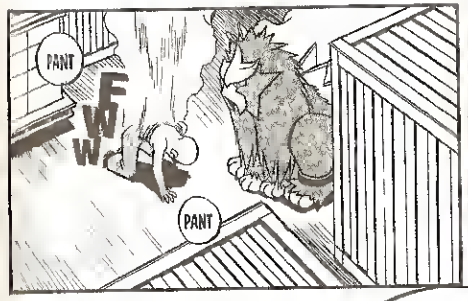

THIS MAY BE A RARE TREATMENT ...
...BUT I'M FEELING THE EFFECTS !!


THE DISEASE THAT'S BEEN BURNING MY BODY FOR YEARS IS DIS-APPEARING !!
WAAAH!! BUT...


... WHEN I'M RELEASED FROM THIS PAIN, I WOULD LOSE THE BOND TOO.
THE BOND WITH WHAT I LEFT AT CINNABAR ...


SYWW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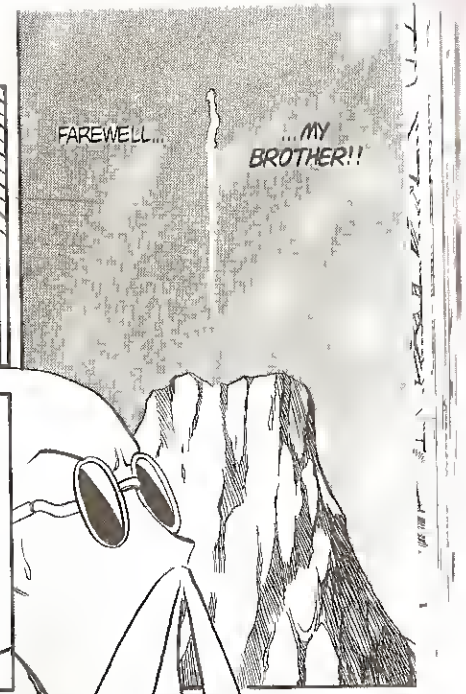
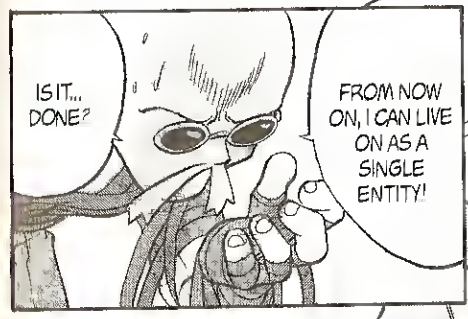
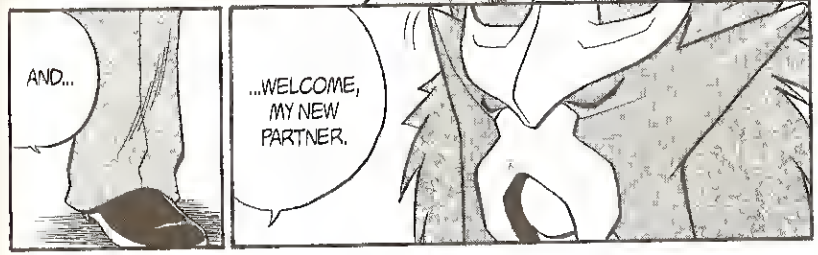
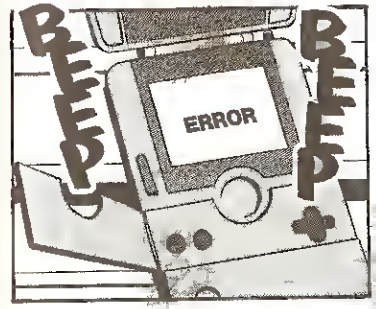
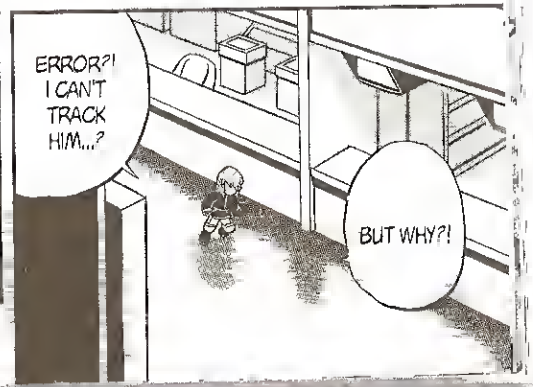

FAREWELL...
...MY BROTHER!!


IS IT... DONE?
FROM NOW ON, I CAN LIVE ON AS A SINGLE ENTITY!


AND...
...WELCOME, MY NEW PARTNER.

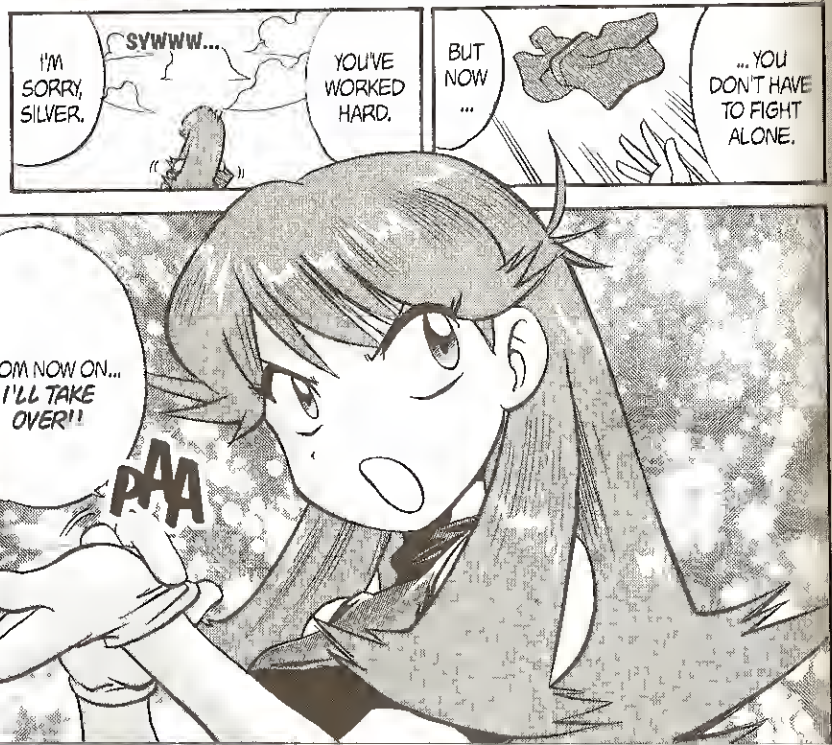

BEEP
ERROR
BEEP

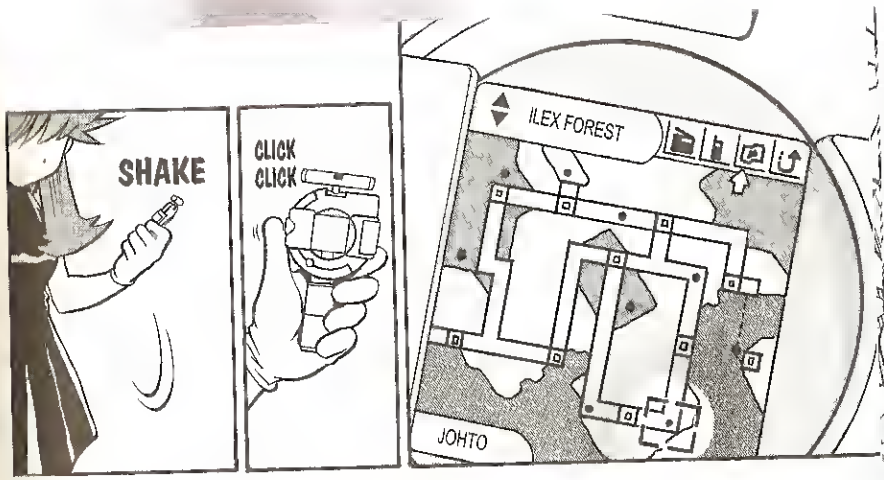

ERROR?! I CAN'T TRACK HIM...?
BUT WHY?!

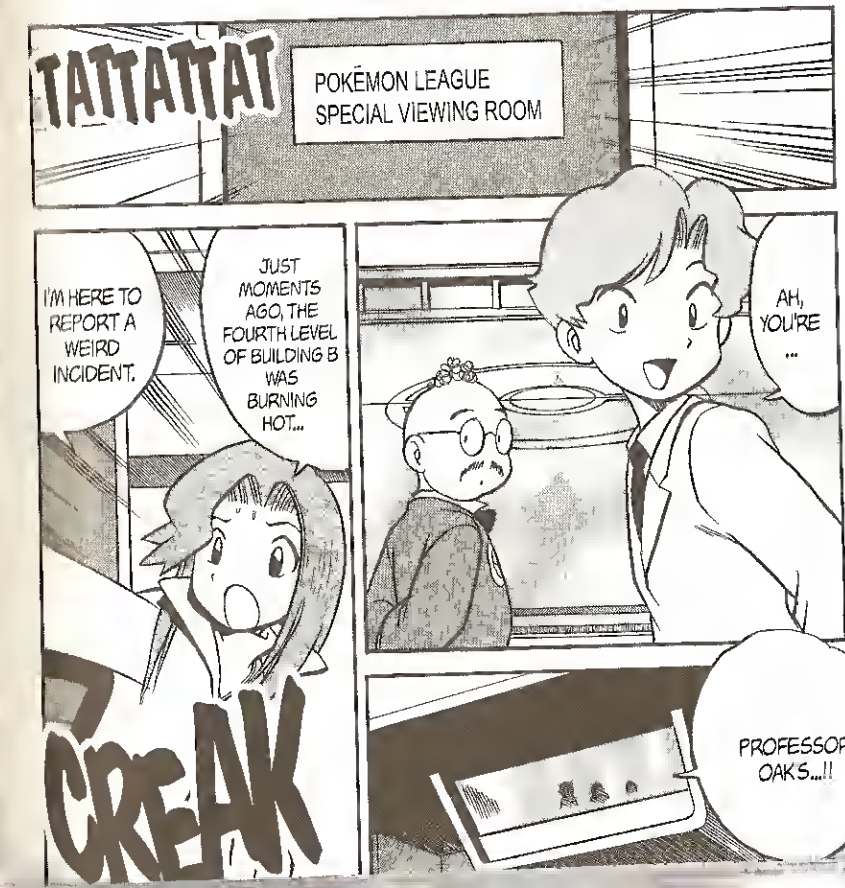
THE STUDENT IS THE WINNER OF THIS EXCITING, REUNION BATTLE!!
MASTER
...AND STUDENT
I'VE NO LUCK WITH SUCH BONDING.
ON THE CONTRARY, I HATE MY PAST!!
WELL... IT'S UNDER-STAND-ABLE.
WHO ARE YOU?! AND WHEN DID YOU COME?!
SWIRL SWIRL
RELAX... RELAX.
I HAVE SOME ADVICE FOR YOU, FOR THE BATTLE YOU HAVE AHEAD OF YOU.
IF YOU DECIDE TO RETURN AFTER THE BATTLE, I CAN TELEPORT YOU BACK.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!

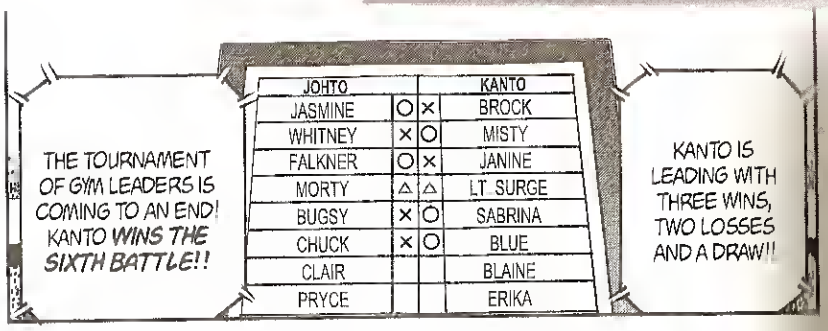
NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT I'VE JUST SAID. ♥
HWWWWW
TELE-PORT !!
KOK KOK KOK
HUH!! WHAT ...?!
THIS IS WHAT I MEAN. DON'T WORRY, I'M BRINGING YOU TO A SAFE PLACE.
IF I DON'T DO THIS, YOU'RE GONNA GET YOURSELF INTO EVEN BIGGER TROUBLE !
ENEMY ?
OF COURSE NOT!
SLOSH
ARE YOU AN ENEMY ?
DID THE MASKED MAN SEND YOU ?!
I'M ON YOUR SIDE.
!!
NO MATTER WHERE... AND WHEN...
I'VE BEEN YOUR ONLY ALLY...

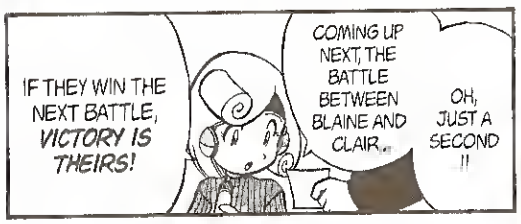
PSSWWWWWWWWWW

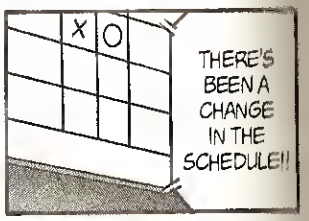




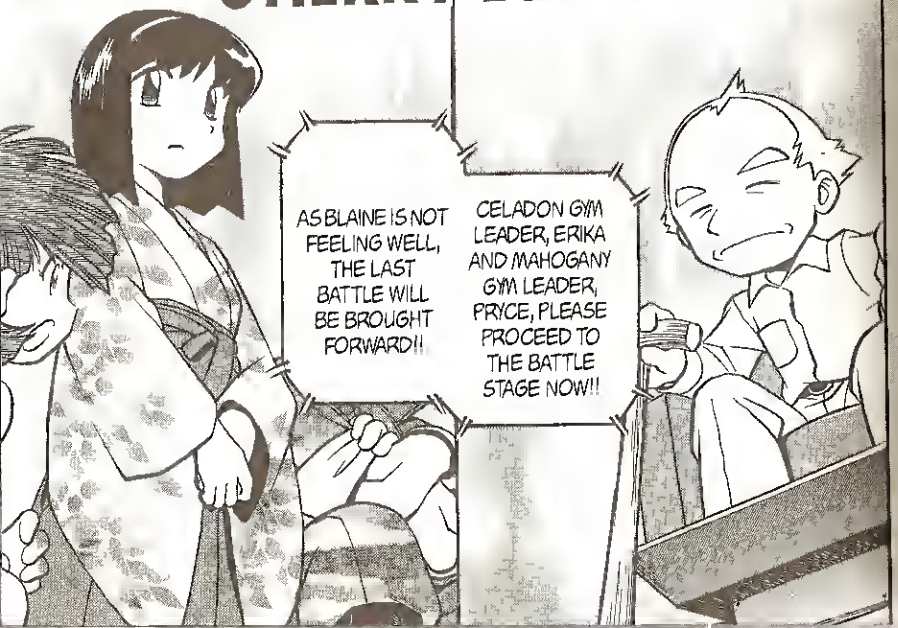

TATTATTAT
POKÉMON LEAGUE SPECIAL VIEWING ROOM
I'M HERE TO REPORT A WEIRD INCIDENT.
JUST MOMENTS AGO, THE FOURTH LEVEL OF BUILDING B WAS BURNING HOT...
AH, YOU'RE ...
PROFESSOR OAK'S...!!
CREAK

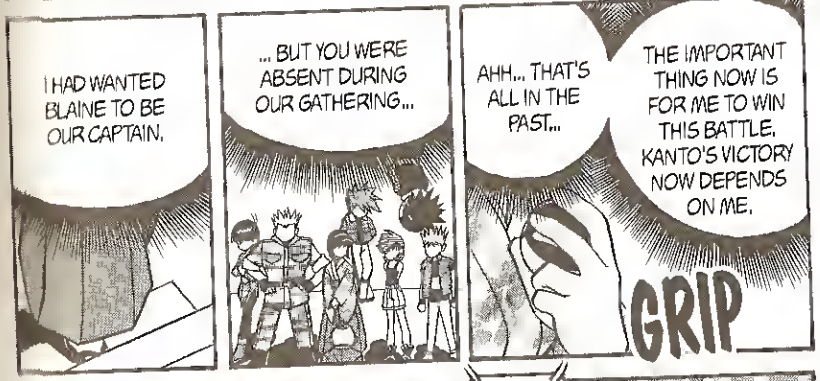

THE TOURNAMENT OF GYM LEADERS IS COMING TO AN END! KANTO WINS THE SIXTH BATTLE!!
JOHTO
KANTO
JASMINE ○ × BROCK
WHITNEY × ○ MISTY
FALKNER ○ × JANINE
MORTY △ △ LT. SURGE
BUGSY × ○ SABRINA
CHUCK × ○ BLUE
CLAIR BLAINE
PRYCE ERIKA
KANTO IS LEADING WITH THREE WINS, TWO LOSSES AND A DRAW!!

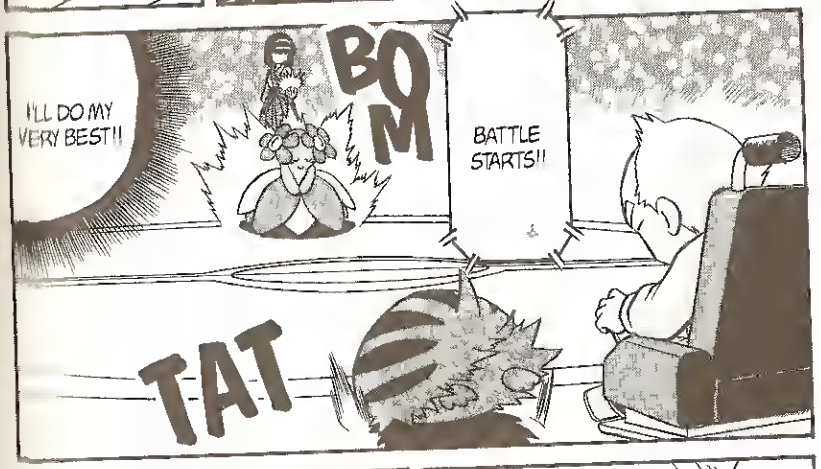


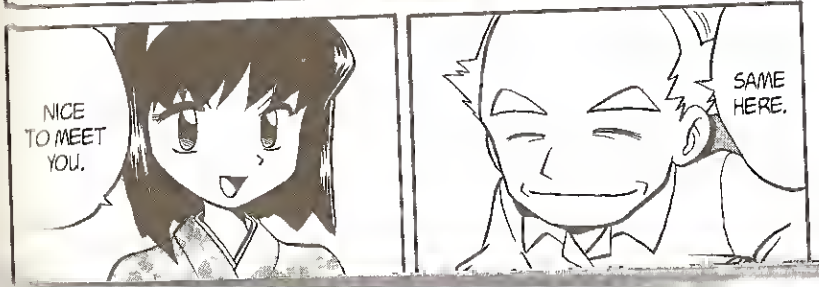


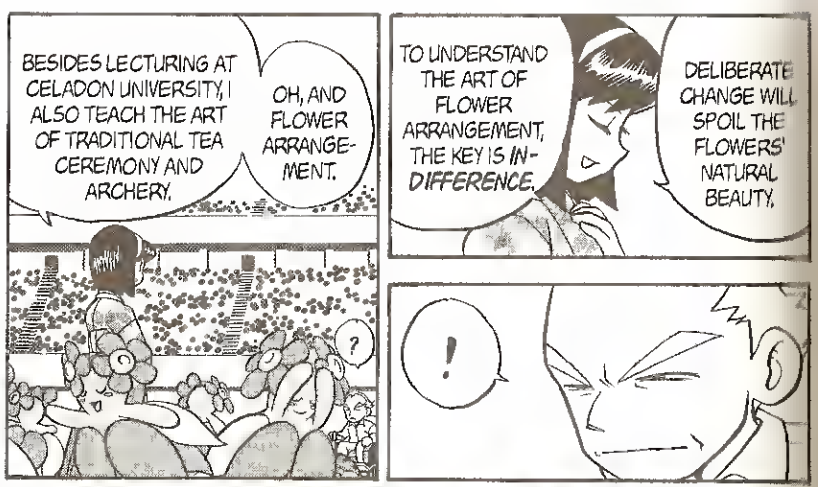
CHAPTER 163
CHERRY BELLOSSOM


AS BLAINE IS NOT FEELING WELL, THE LAST BATTLE WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD!!
CELADON GYM LEADER, ERIKA AND MAHOGANY GYM LEADER, PRYCE, PLEASE PROCEED TO THE BATTLE STAGE NOW!!


I HAD WANTED BLAINE TO BE OUR CAPTAIN.
... BUT YOU WERE ABSENT DURING OUR GATHERING...
AHH... THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST...
THE IMPORTANT THING NOW IS FOR ME TO WIN THIS BATTLE. KANTO'S VICTORY NOW DEPENDS ON ME.
GRIP






BESIDES LECTURING AT CELADON UNIVERSITY, I ALSO TEACH THE ART OF TRADITIONAL TEA CEREMONY AND ARCHERY.
OH, AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENT.
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TO UNDERSTAND THE ART OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, THE KEY IS *IN-DIFFERENCE.*
DELIBERATE CHANGE WILL SPOIL THE FLOWERS' NATURAL BEAUTY.

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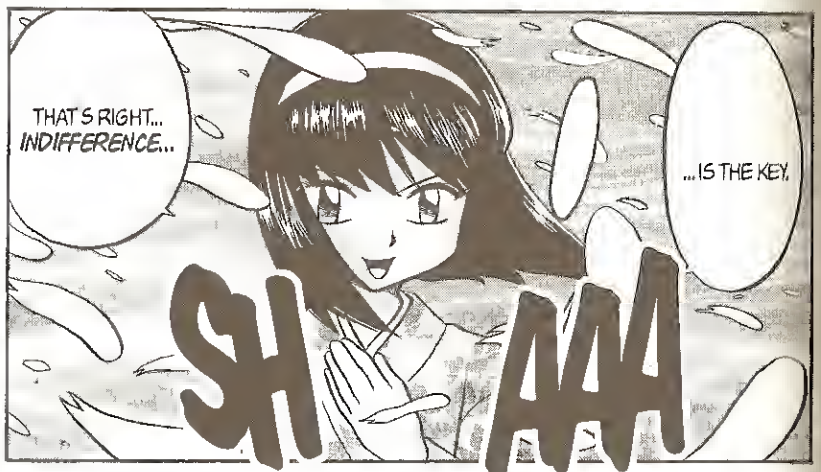
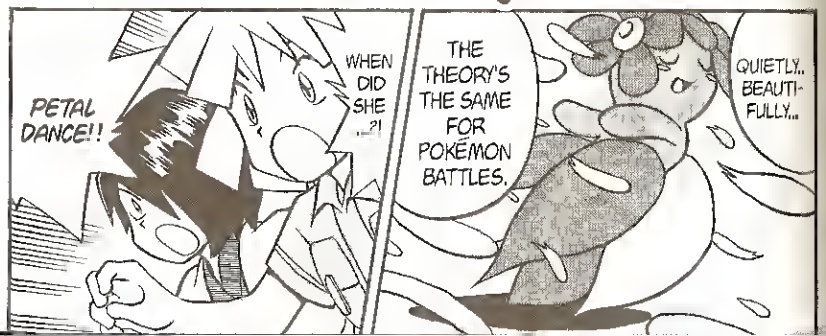
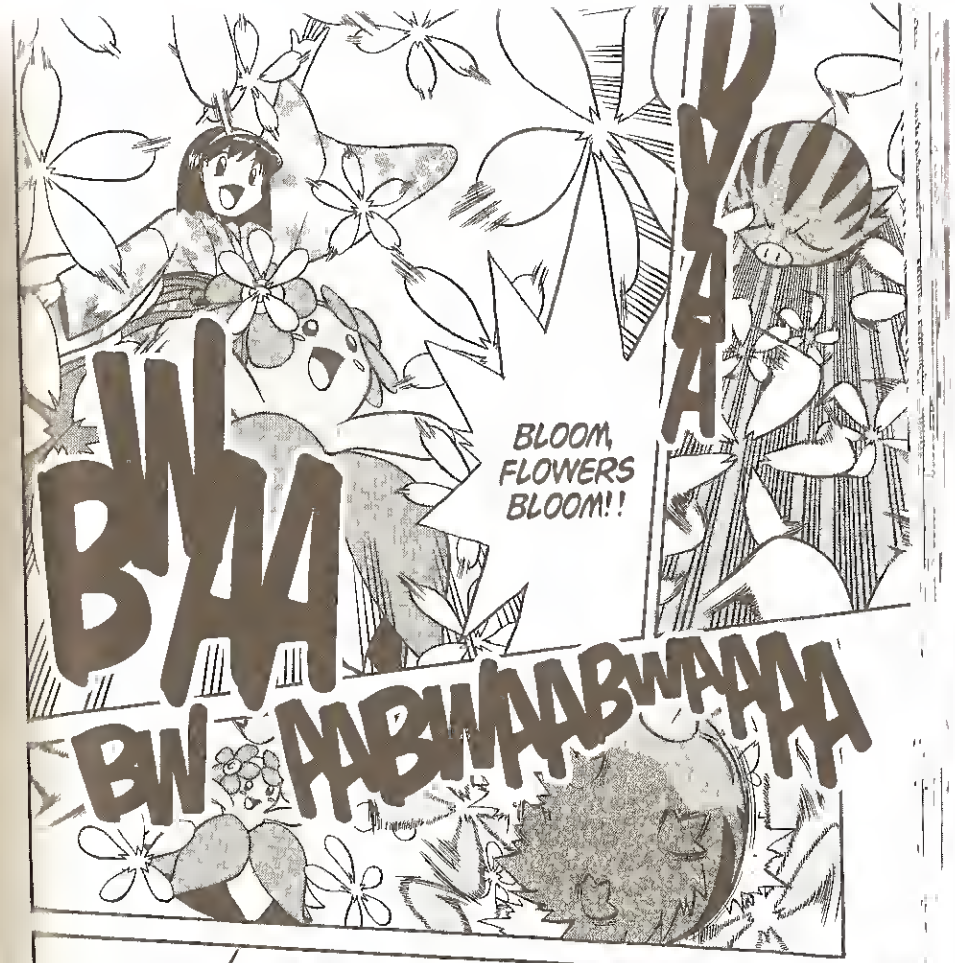
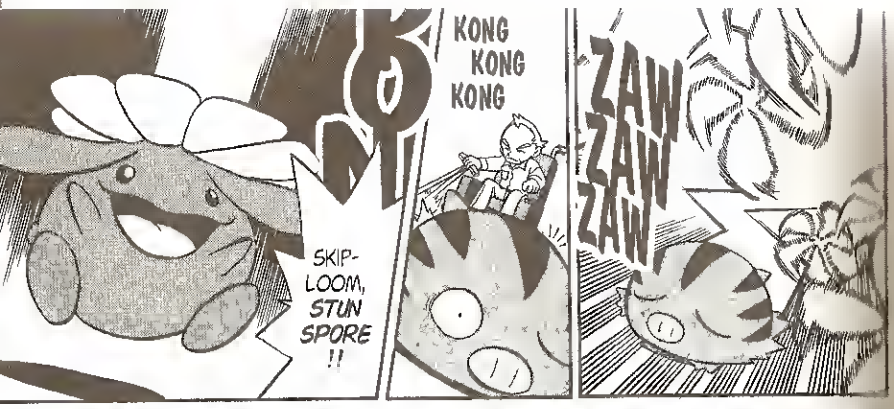
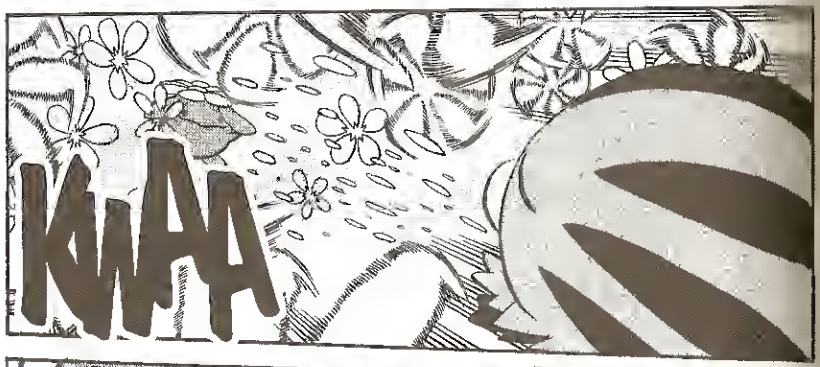

THAT'S RIGHT... *INDIFFERENCE...*
...IS THE KEY.
SH AAA


PETAL DANCE!!
WHEN DID SHE ...?!
THE THEORY'S THE SAME FOR POKÉMON BATTLES.
QUIETLY.. BEAUTI-FULLY...

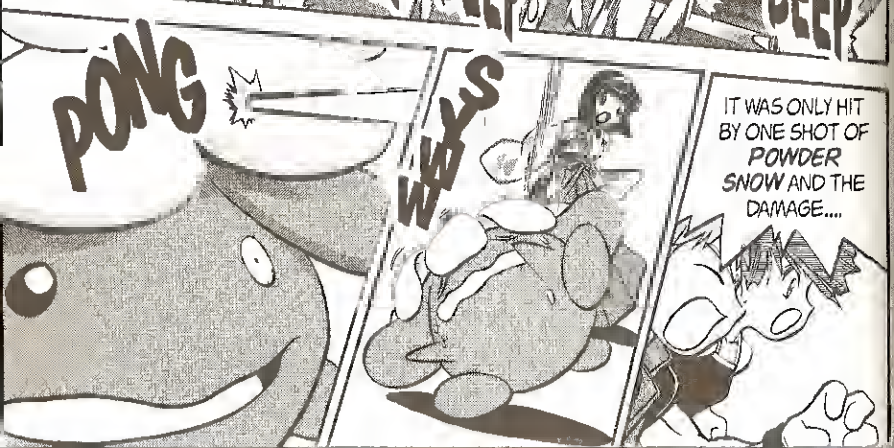

BLOOM, FLOWERS BLOOM!!
BWAA
BW AABWAABWAAAA

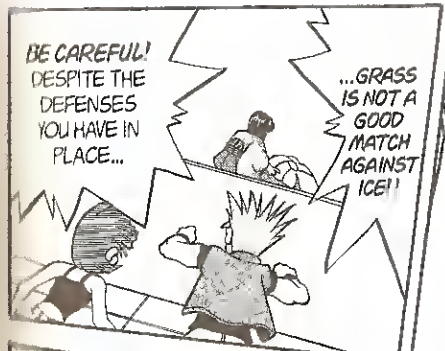
PETAL DANCE IS BOTH AN ATTACK AND A DEFENSIVE WALL SIMULTANEOUSLY !!
SWINUB
PIG POKÉMON
HEIGHT 0.4m
WEIGHT 6.5KG
No. 220
SHE HAS ALSO MADE USE OF SWINUB'S WEAKNESS ON FRAGRANCES! *GOOD THINKING!!*
HAHAHA.. I WON'T GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO REST.


SKIP-LOOM, STUN SPORE !!
KONG KONG KONG
ZAW ZAW ZAW


KWAA

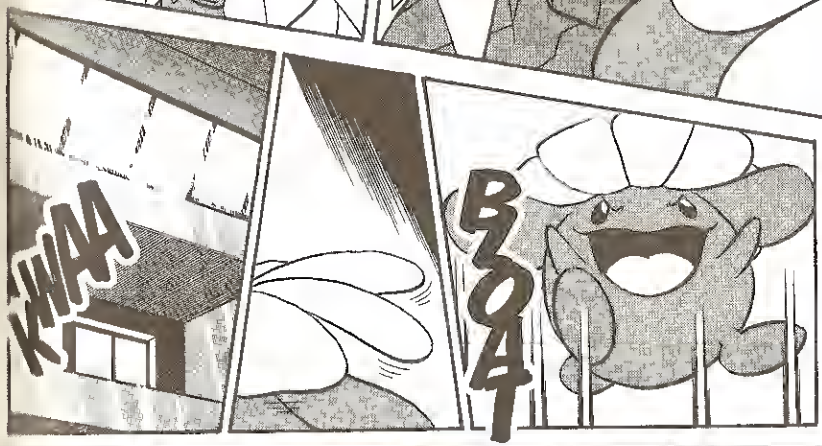
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

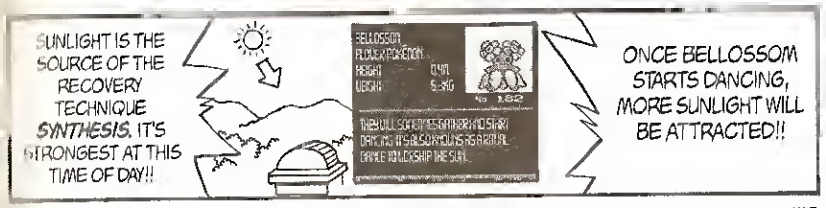

PONG
IT WAS ONLY HIT BY ONE SHOT OF POWDER SNOW AND THE DAMAGE....

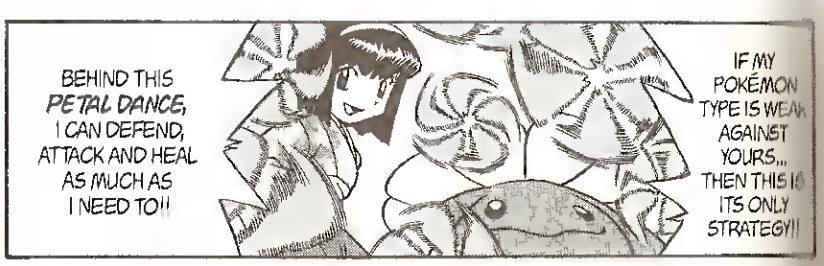

BE CAREFUL! DESPITE THE DEFENSES YOU HAVE IN PLACE...
...GRASS IS NOT A GOOD MATCH AGAINST ICE!!

I KNOW THAT!
I HAVE DEVISED A PLAN TO COUNTER THAT!

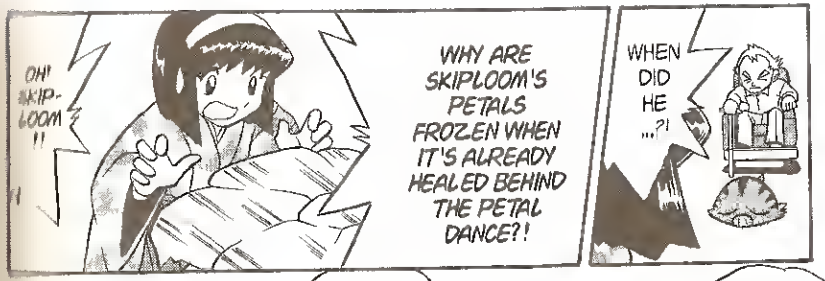
SYNTHESIS!!


KWAA
BOA

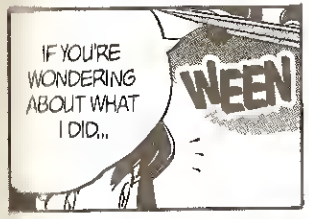

SUNLIGHT IS THE SOURCE OF THE RECOVERY TECHNIQUE SYNTHESIS. IT'S STRONGEST AT THIS TIME OF DAY!!
BELLOSSOM
FLOWER POKÉMON
HEIGHT 0.4M
WEIGHT 5.8KG
ONCE BELLOSSOM STARTS DANCING, MORE SUNLIGHT WILL BE ATTRACTED!!


BEHIND THIS PETAL DANCE, I CAN DEFEND, ATTACK AND HEAL AS MUCH AS I NEED TO!!
IF MY POKÉMON TYPE IS WEAK AGAINST YOURS... THEN THIS IS ITS ONLY STRATEGY!!

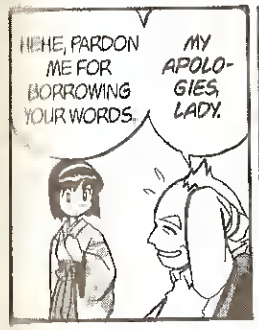
CRACK!
HAH ...?!
SKIP-LOOM ...
!!

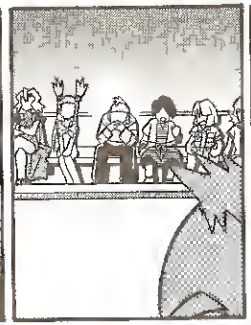

OH! SKIP-LOOM !!
WHY ARE SKIPLOOM'S PETALS FROZEN WHEN IT'S ALREADY HEALED BEHIND THE PETAL DANCE?!
WHEN DID HE ...?!

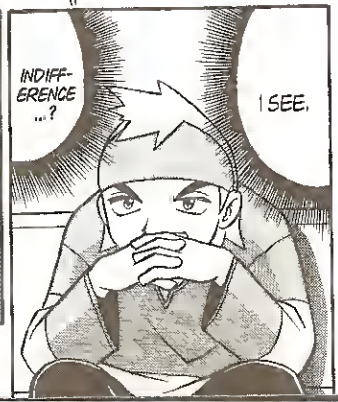
ALTHOUGH WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED,
...WHAT IS OBVIOUS IS... ERIKA'S SKIPLOOM CAN NO LONGER BATTLE! THE WINNER IS PRYCE!!

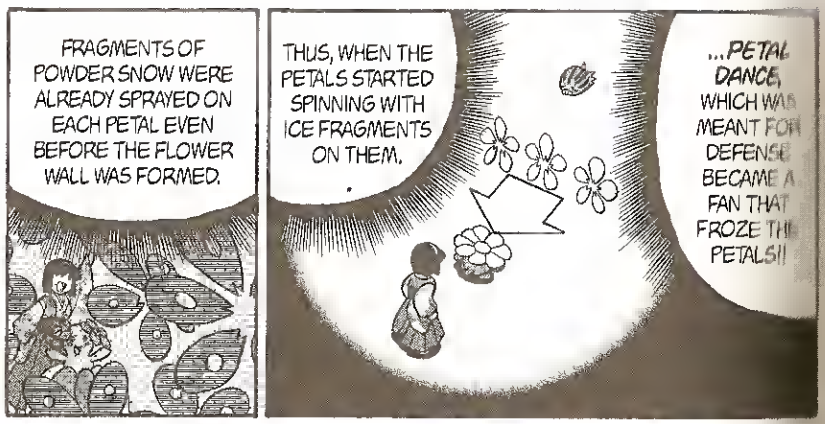

IF YOU'RE WONDERING ABOUT WHAT I DID...
WEEN

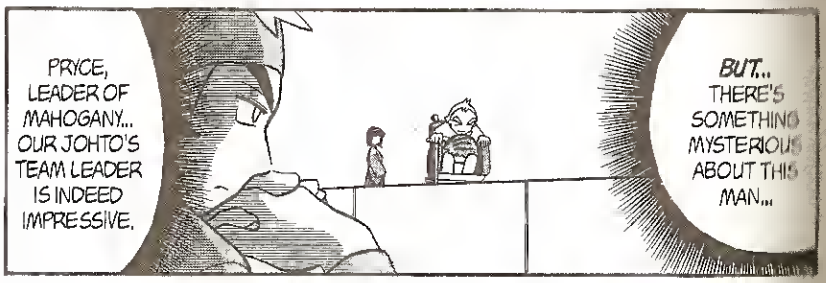
MY ATTACK...
... WAS DISGUISED BY INDIFFERENCE.

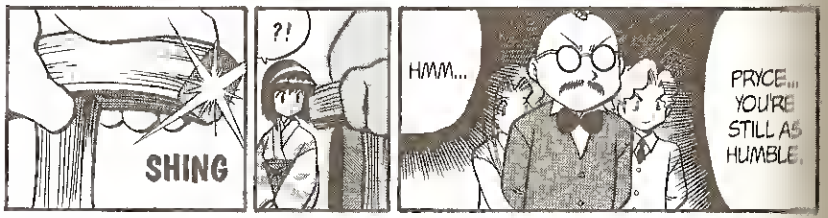

HEHE, PARDON ME FOR BORROWING YOUR WORDS.
MY APOLO-GIES, LADY.

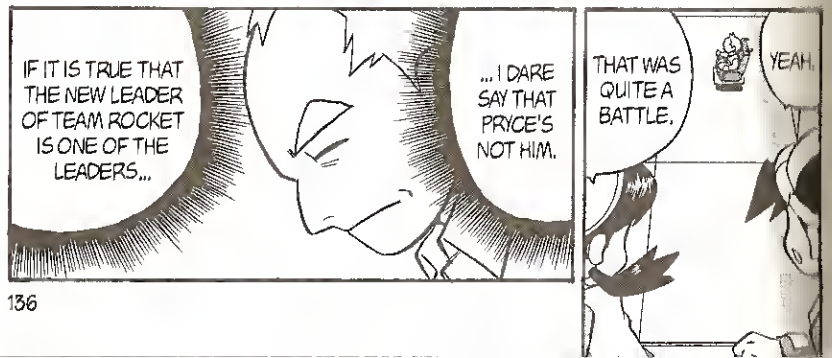


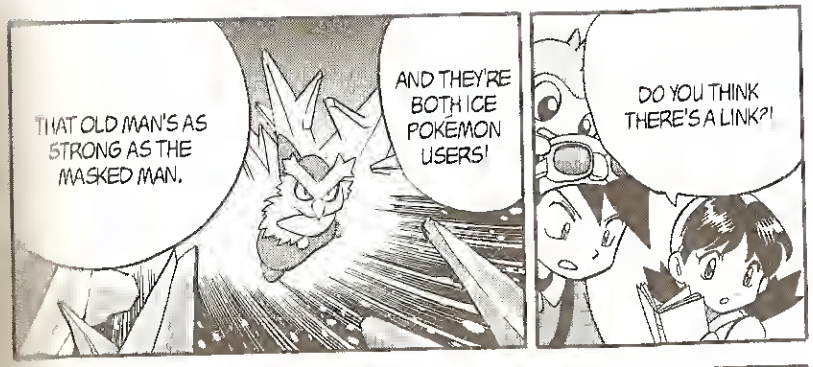

INDIFF-ERENCE ...?
I SEE.

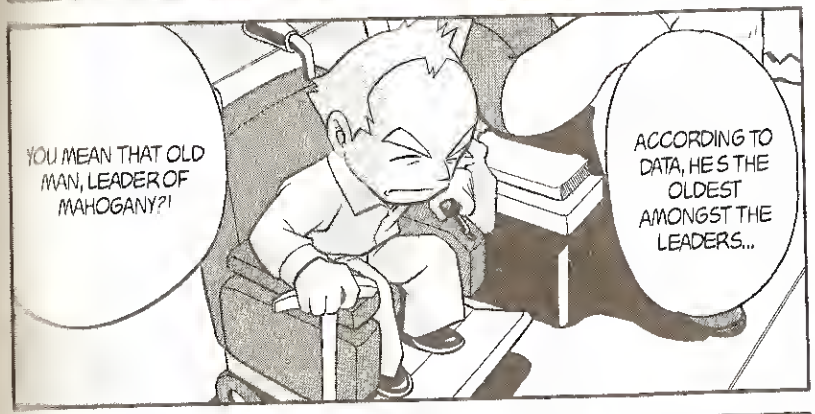

FRAGMENTS OF POWDER SNOW WERE ALREADY SPRAYED ON EACH PETAL EVEN BEFORE THE FLOWER WALL WAS FORMED.
THUS, WHEN THE PETALS STARTED SPINNING WITH ICE FRAGMENTS ON THEM.
...PETAL DANCE, WHICH WAS MEANT FOR DEFENSE BECAME A FAN THAT FROZE THE PETALS!!

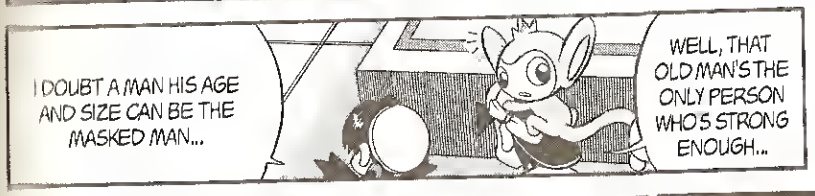

PRYCE, LEADER OF MAHOGANY... OUR JOHTO'S TEAM LEADER IS INDEED IMPRESSIVE.
BUT... THERE'S SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT THIS MAN...

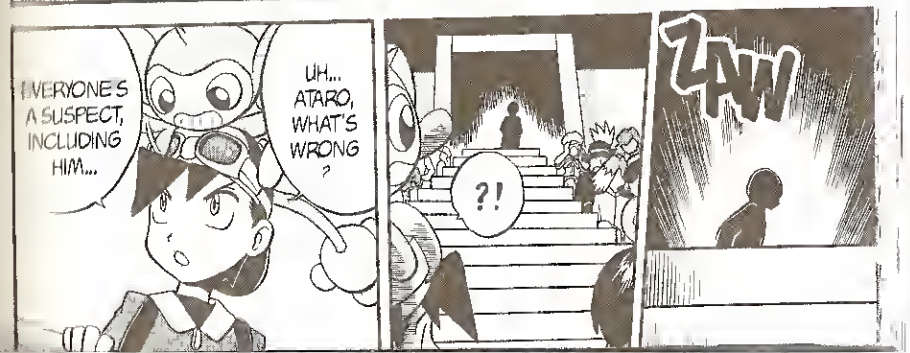

SHING
?!
HMM...
PRYCE... YOU'RE STILL AS HUMBLE.

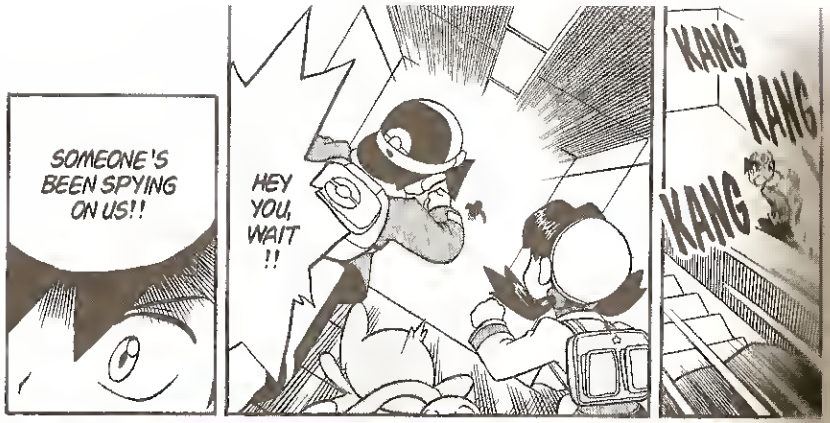

IF IT IS TRUE THAT THE NEW LEADER OF TEAM ROCKET IS ONE OF THE LEADERS...
...I DARE SAY THAT PRYCE'S NOT HIM.
THAT WAS QUITE A BATTLE.
YEAH.

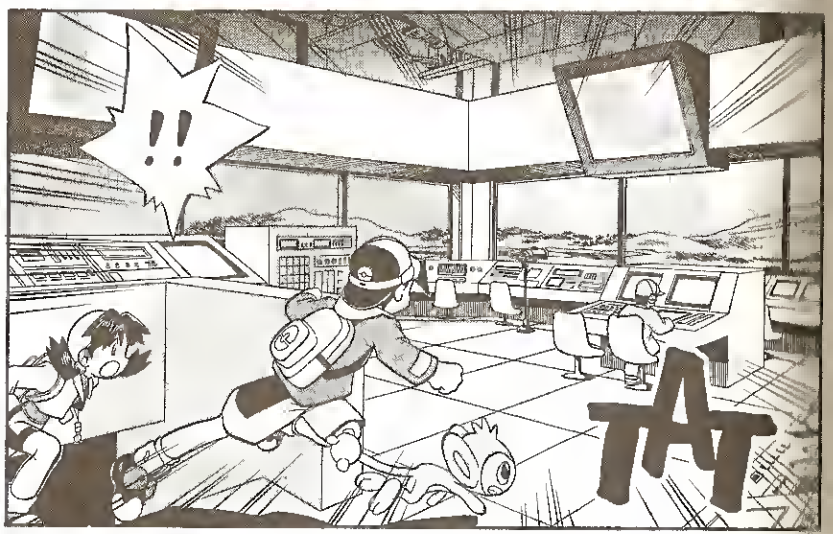

THAT OLD MAN'S AS STRONG AS THE MASKED MAN.
AND THEY'RE BOTH ICE POKÉMON USERS!
DO YOU THINK THERE'S A LINK?!


YOU MEAN THAT OLD MAN, LEADER OF MAHOGANY?!
ACCORDING TO DATA, HE'S THE OLDEST AMONGST THE LEADERS...


I DOUBT A MAN HIS AGE AND SIZE CAN BE THE MASKED MAN...
WELL, THAT OLD MAN'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO'S STRONG ENOUGH...


EVERYONE'S A SUSPECT, INCLUDING HIM...
UH... ATARO, WHAT'S WRONG?
?!
ZAW


SOMEONE'S BEEN SPYING ON US!!
HEY YOU, WAIT !!
KANG KANG KANG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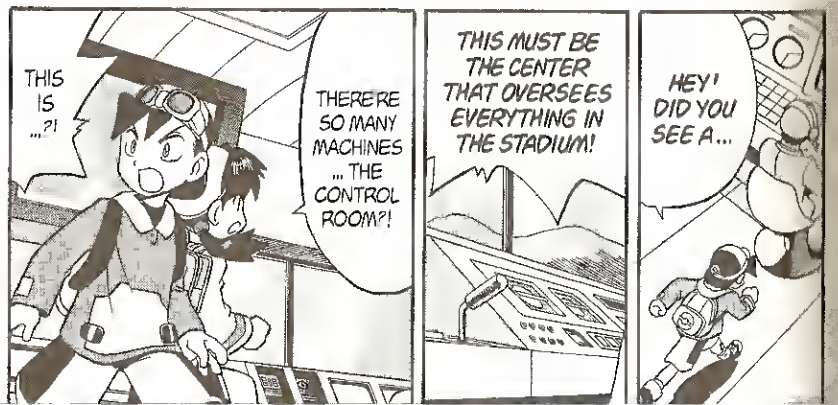
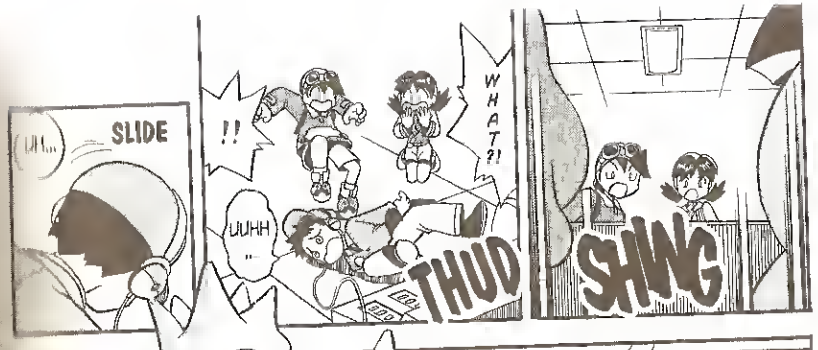
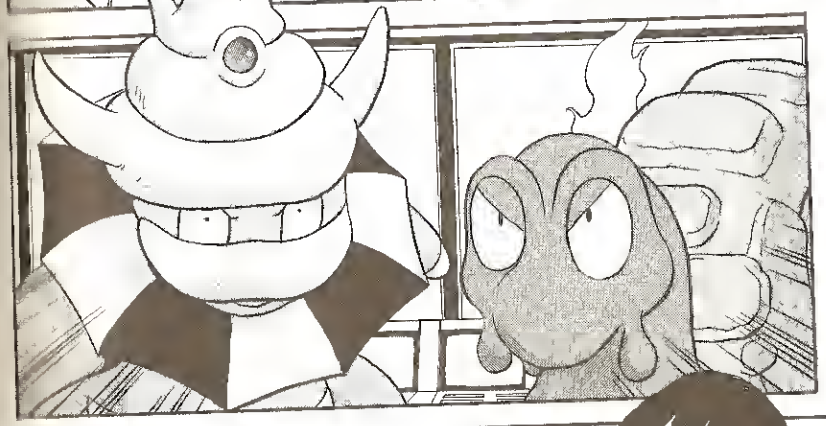
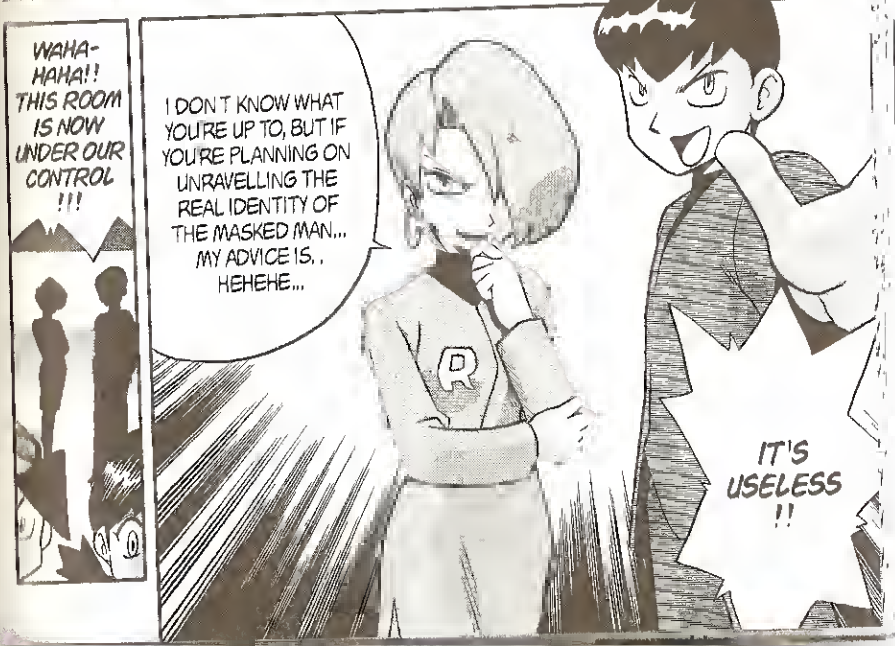
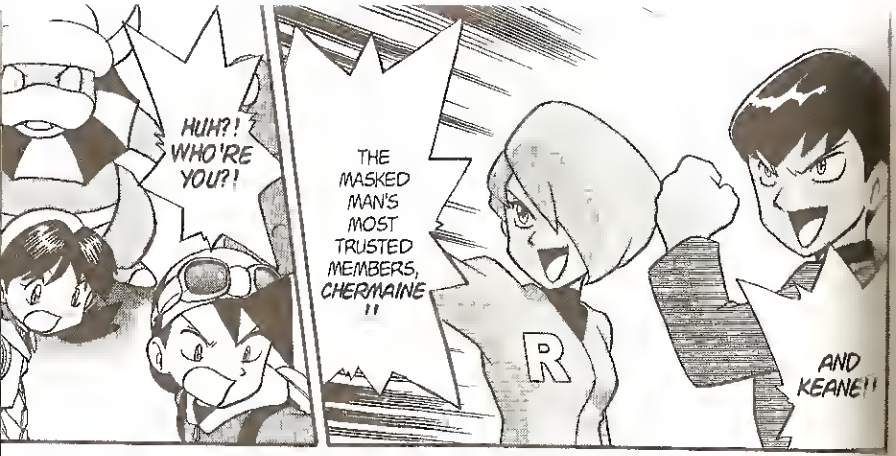
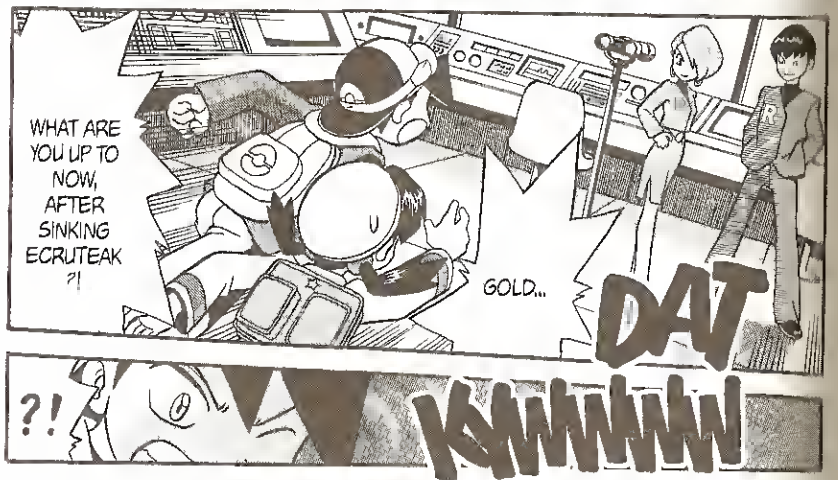

THIS IS ...?!
THERE'RE SO MANY MACHINES ... THE CONTROL ROOM?!
THIS MUST BE THE CENTER THAT OVERSEES EVERYTHING IN THE STADIUM!
HEY! DID YOU SEE A...

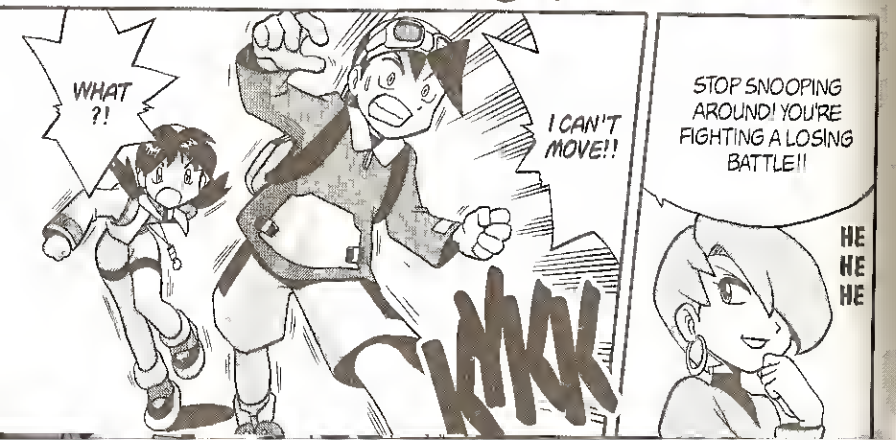

(UH...)
SLIDE
!!
UUHH ..
WHAT?!
THUD
SHWG

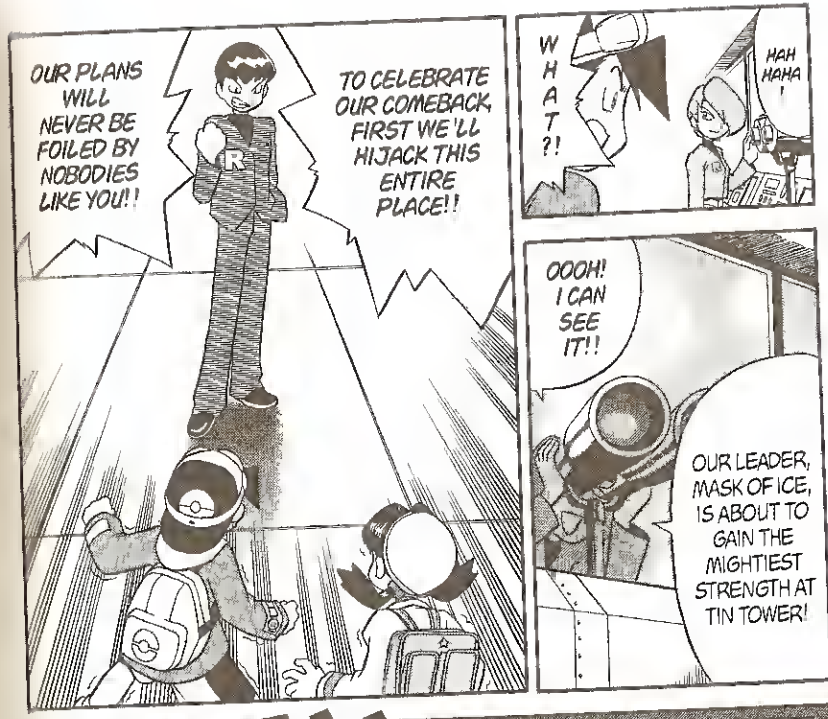


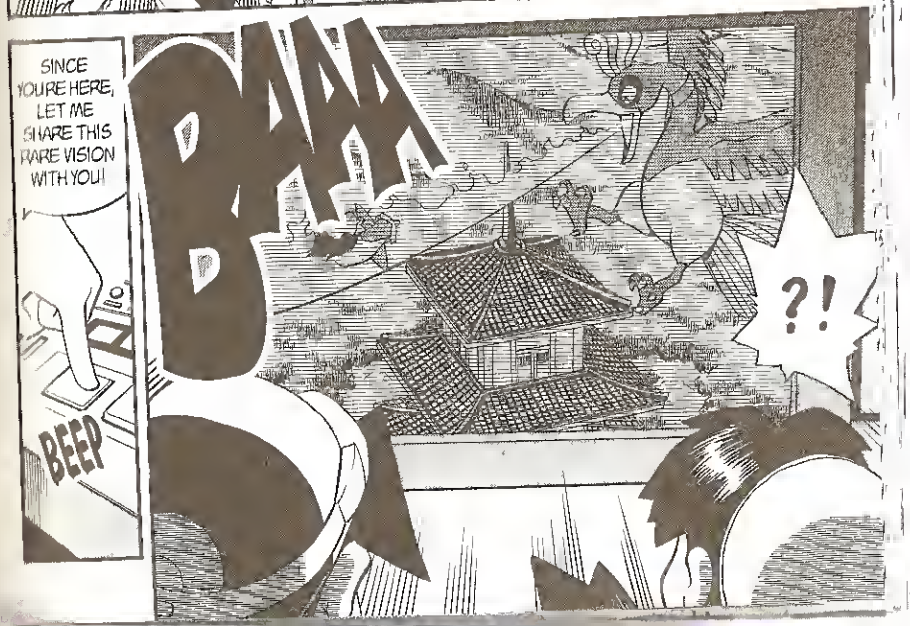

WAHA-HAHA!! THIS ROOM IS NOW UNDER OUR CONTROL !!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON UNRAVELLING THE REAL IDENTITY OF THE MASKED MAN... MY ADVICE IS, . HEHEHE...
IT'S USELESS !!


HUH?! WHO'RE YOU?!
THE MASKED MAN'S MOST TRUSTED MEMBERS, CHERMAINE !!
AND KEANE!!


WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW, AFTER SINKING ECRUTEAK ?!
GOLD..
DAT
?!
KAWWWWW


WHAT ?!
I CAN'T MOVE!!
STOP SNOOPING AROUND! YOU'RE FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE!!
HE HE HE
KKKK


OUR PLANS WILL NEVER BE FOILED BY NOBODIES LIKE YOU!!
TO CELEBRATE OUR COMEBACK, FIRST WE'LL HIJACK THIS ENTIRE PLACE!!
WHAT?!
HAH HAHA!
OOOH! I CAN SEE IT!!
OUR LEADER, MASK OF ICE, IS ABOUT TO GAIN THE MIGHTIEST STRENGTH AT TIN TOWER!


SINCE YOU'RE HERE, LET ME SHARE THIS RARE VISION WITH YOU!
BEEP
BAAA
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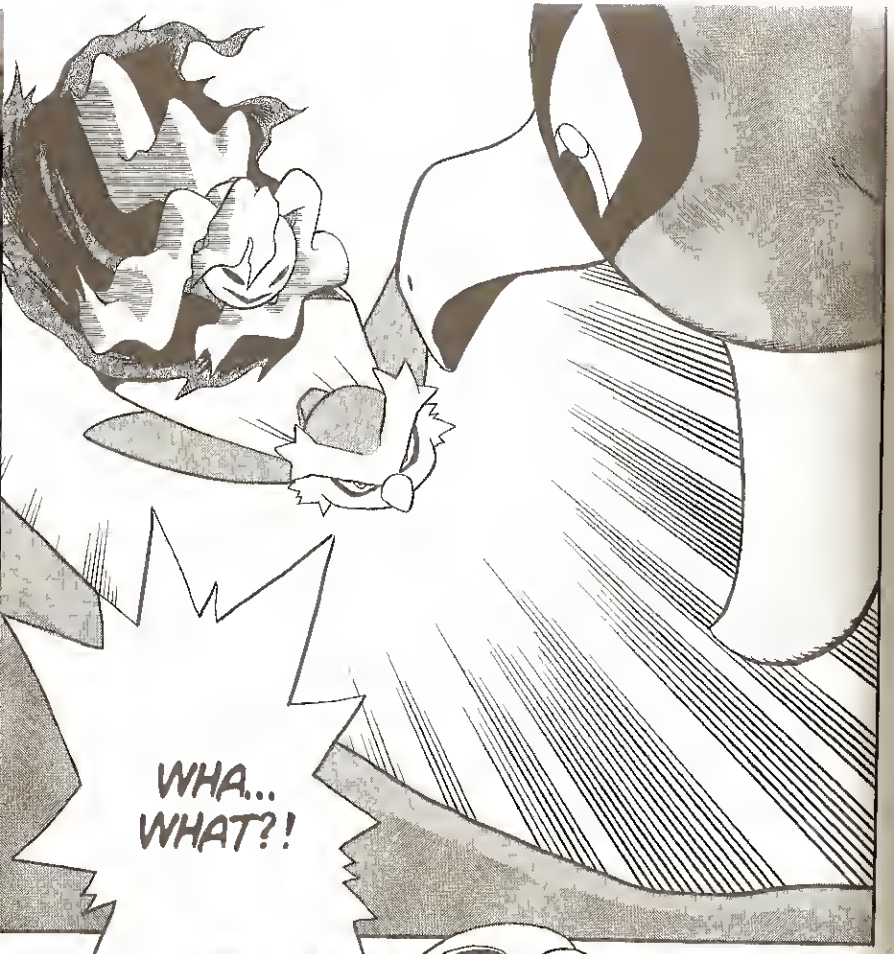
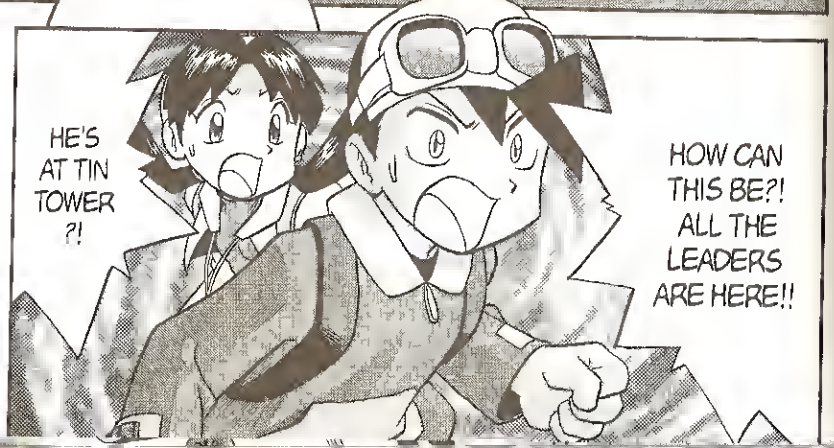
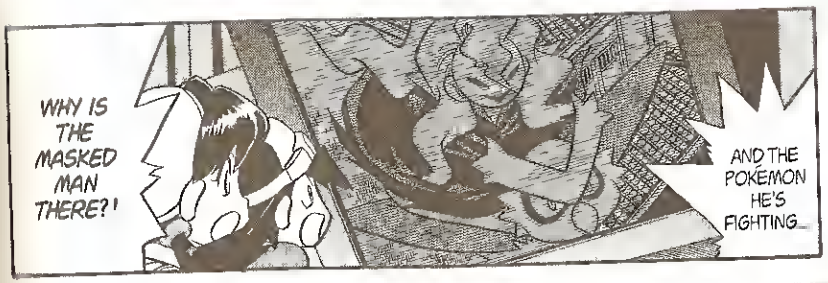
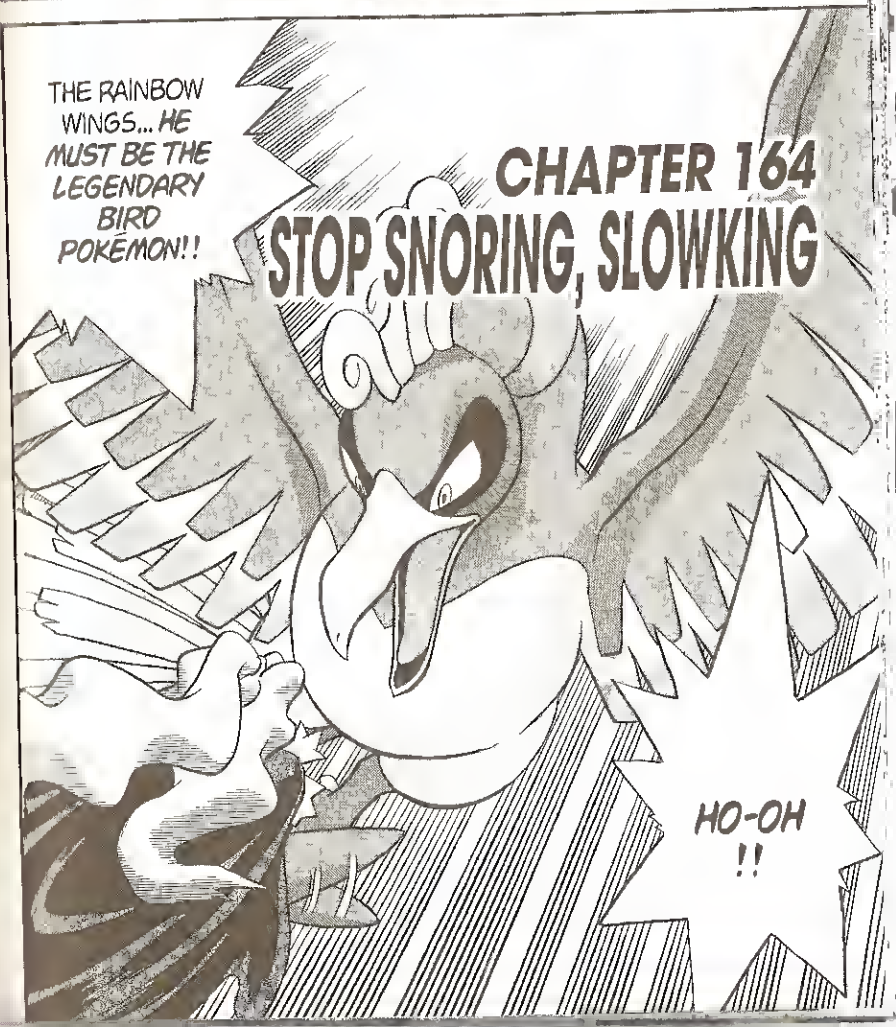
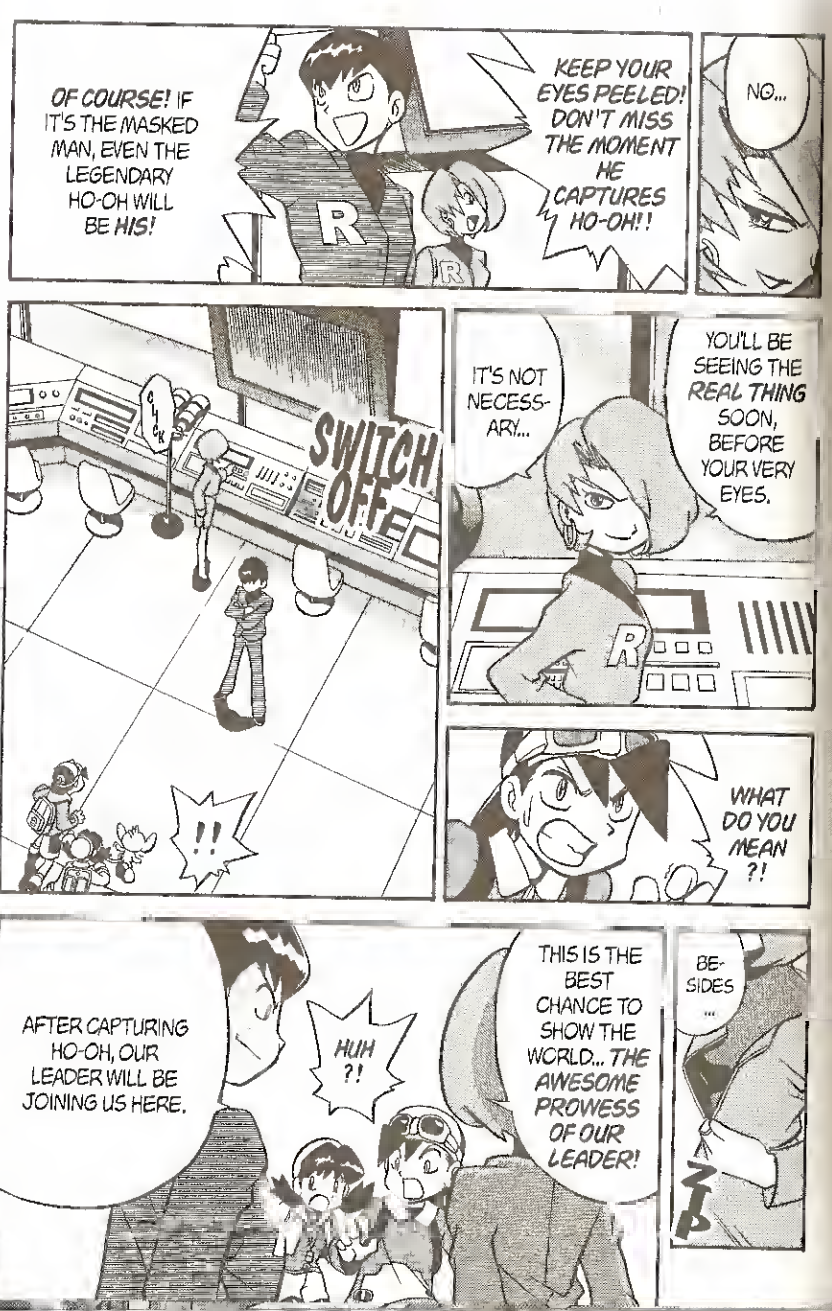


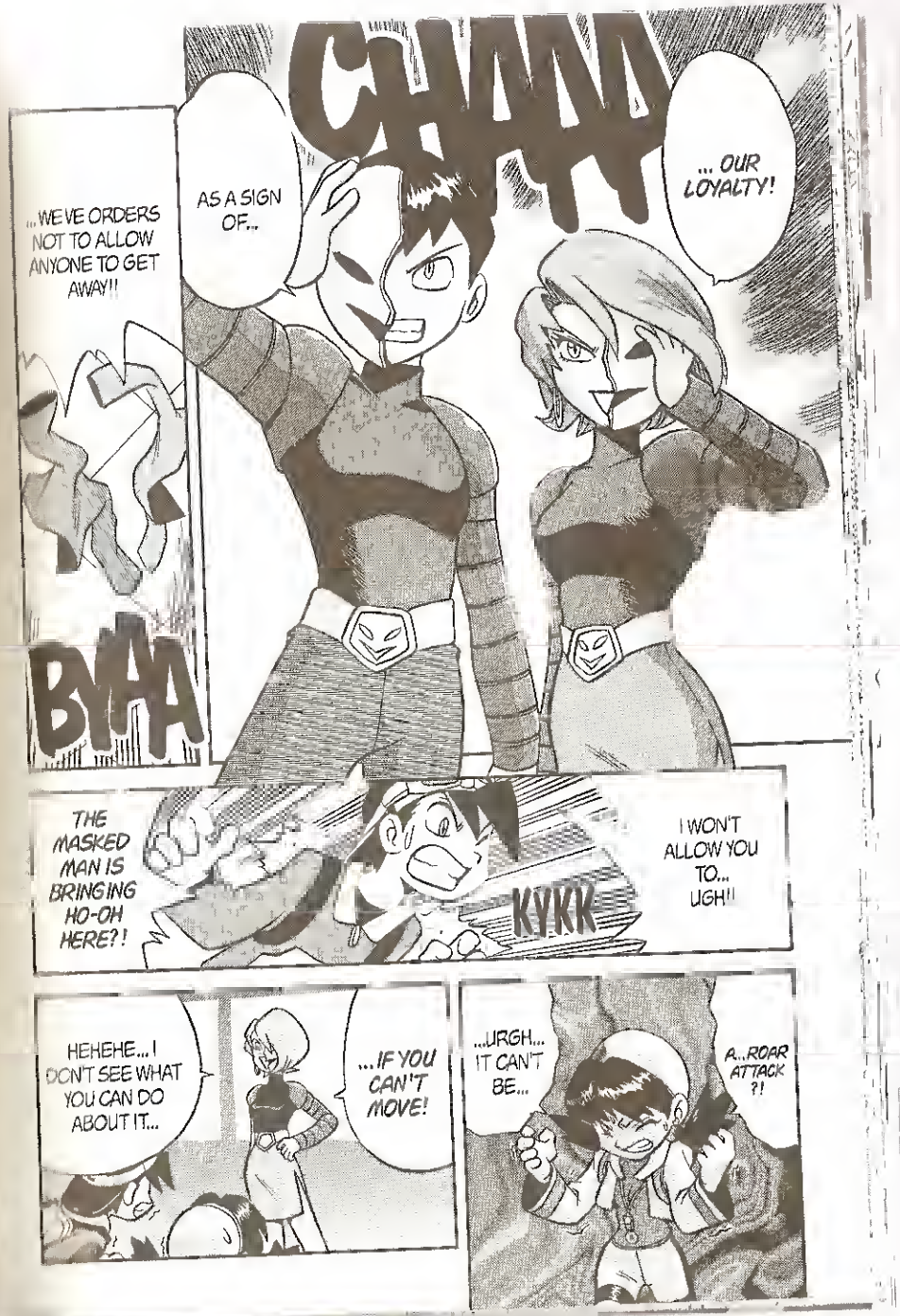


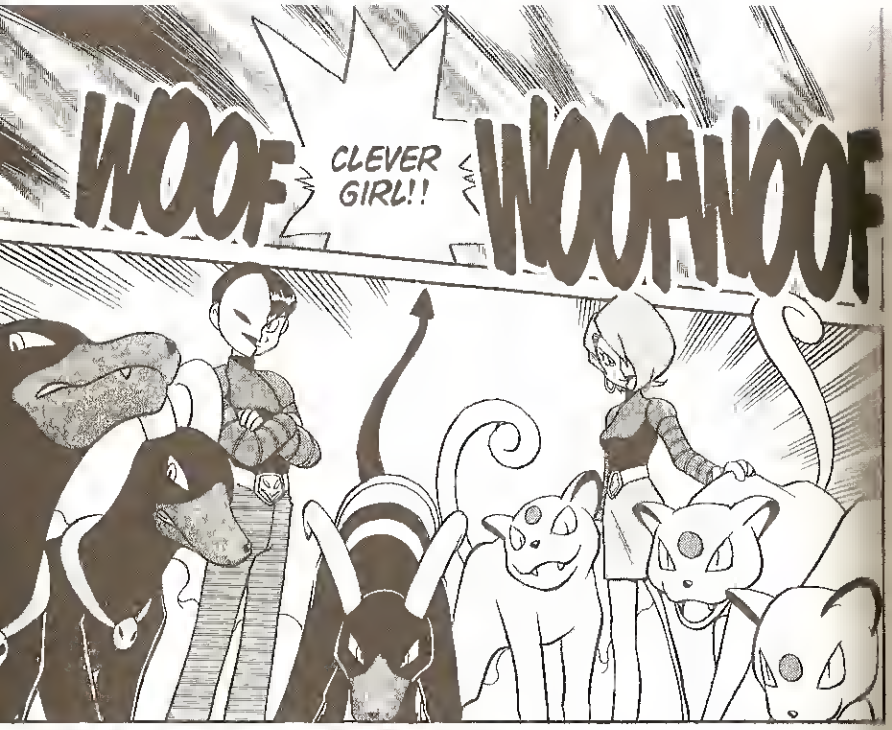


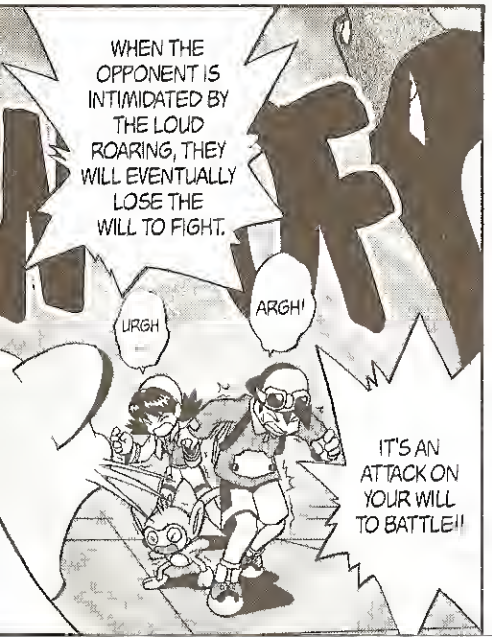


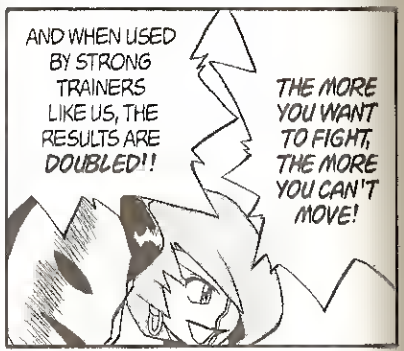
CHAPTER 164
STOP SNORING, SLOWKING

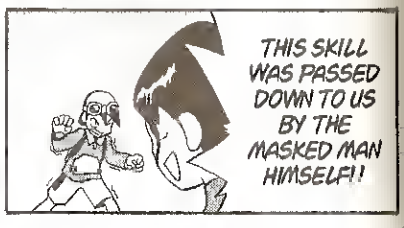

OF COURSE! IF IT'S THE MASKED MAN, EVEN THE LEGENDARY HO-OH WILL BE HIS!
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED! DON'T MISS THE MOMENT HE CAPTURES HO-OH!!
NO...
SWITCH OFF
!!
IT'S NOT NECESS-ARY...
YOU'LL BE SEEING THE REAL THING SOON, BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!
AFTER CAPTURING HO-OH, OUR LEADER WILL BE JOINING US HERE.
HUH ?!
THIS IS THE BEST CHANCE TO SHOW THE WORLD... THE AWESOME PROWESS OF OUR LEADER!
BE-SIDES ...
ZIP

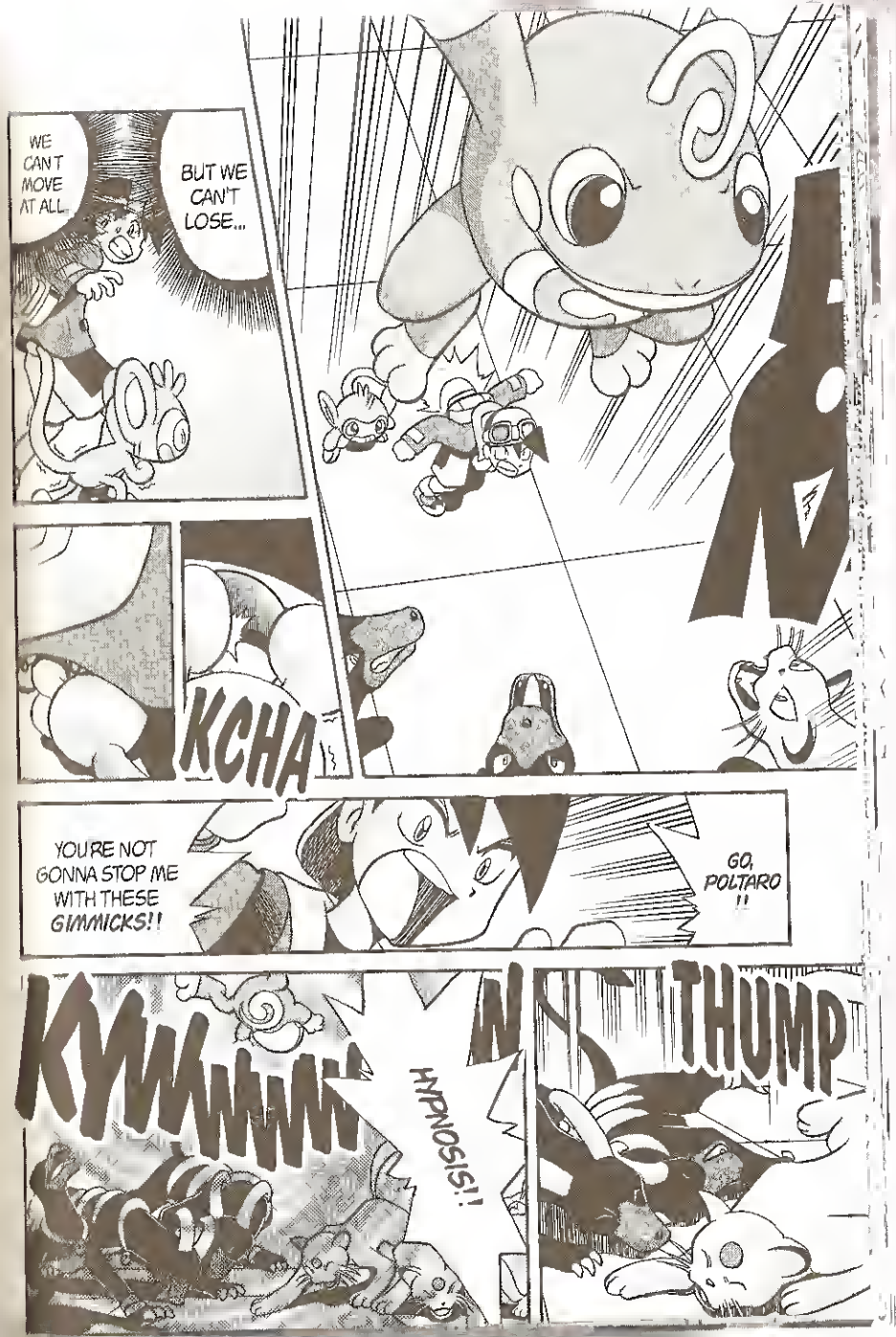

...WE'VE ORDERS NOT TO ALLOW ANYONE TO GET AWAY!!
AS A SIGN OF...
CHAAA
... OUR LOYALTY!
BYAA
THE MASKED MAN IS BRINGING HO-OH HERE?!
KYKK
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO... UGH!!
HEHEHE... I DON'T SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT...
...IF YOU CAN'T MOVE!
...URGH... IT CAN'T BE...
A...ROAR ATTACK ?!

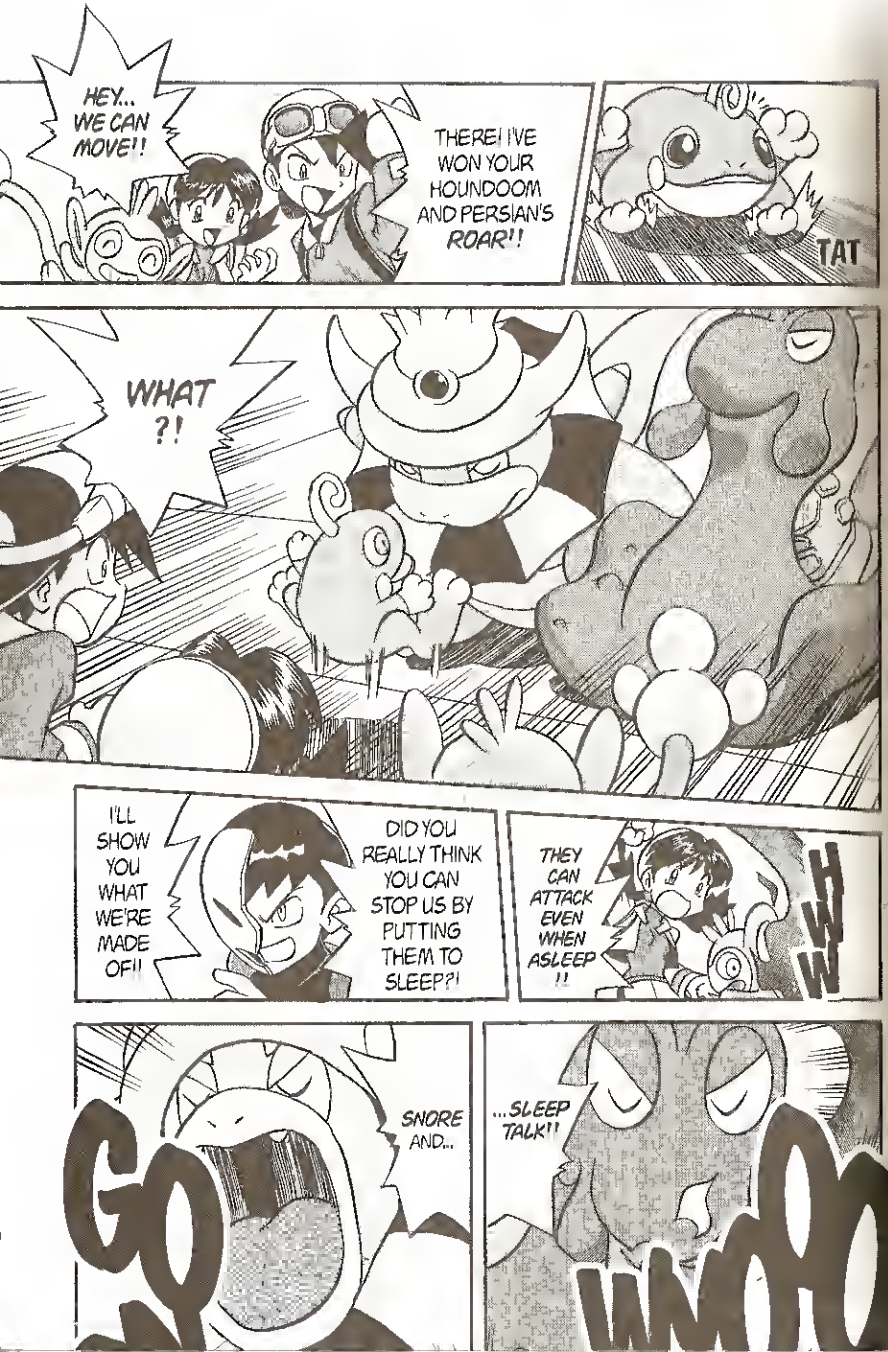

WOOF
CLEVER GIRL!!
WOOFWOOF


WHEN THE OPPONENT IS INTIMIDATED BY THE LOUD ROARING, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE THE WILL TO FIGHT.
URGH
ARGH!
IT'S AN ATTACK ON YOUR WILL TO BATTLE!!

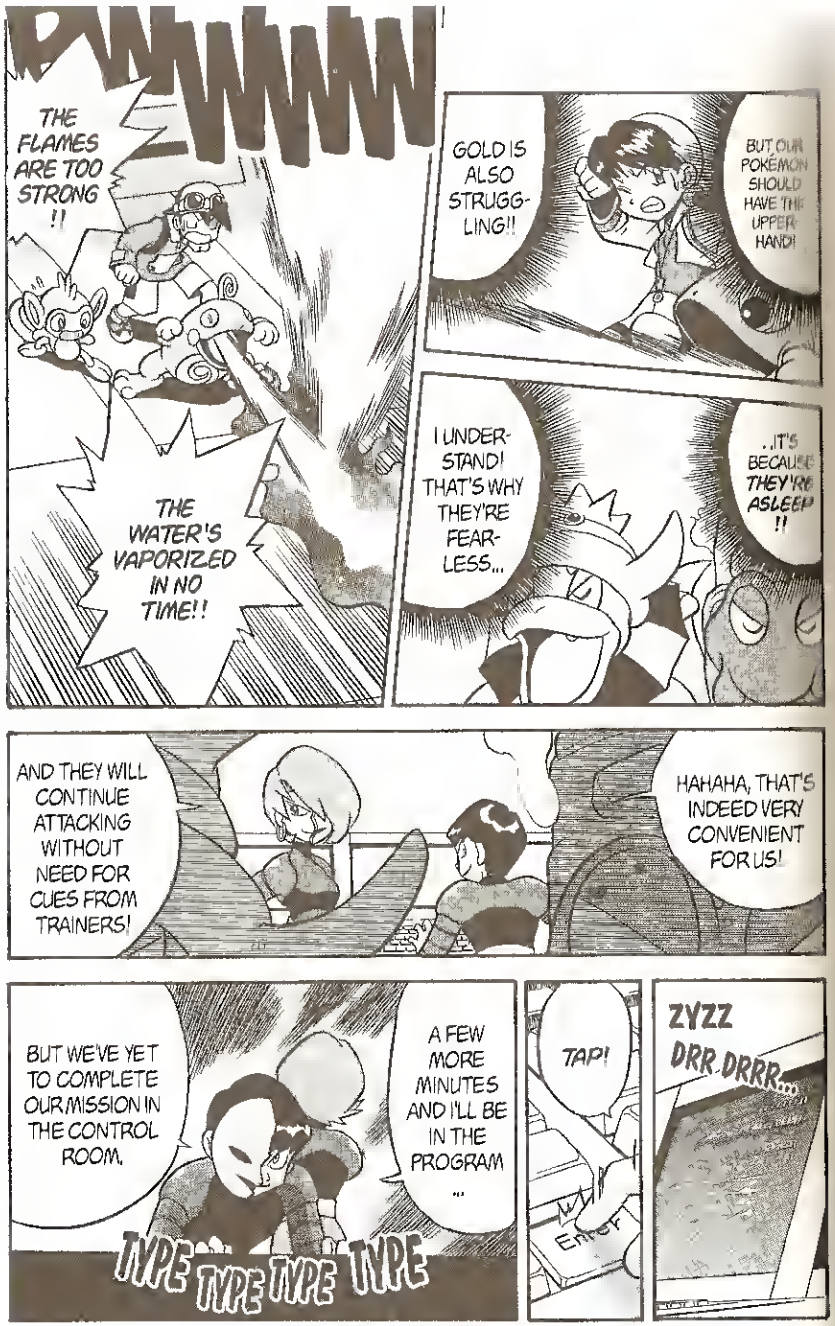

AND WHEN USED BY STRONG TRAINERS LIKE US, THE RESULTS ARE DOUBLED!!
THE MORE YOU WANT TO FIGHT, THE MORE YOU CAN'T MOVE!

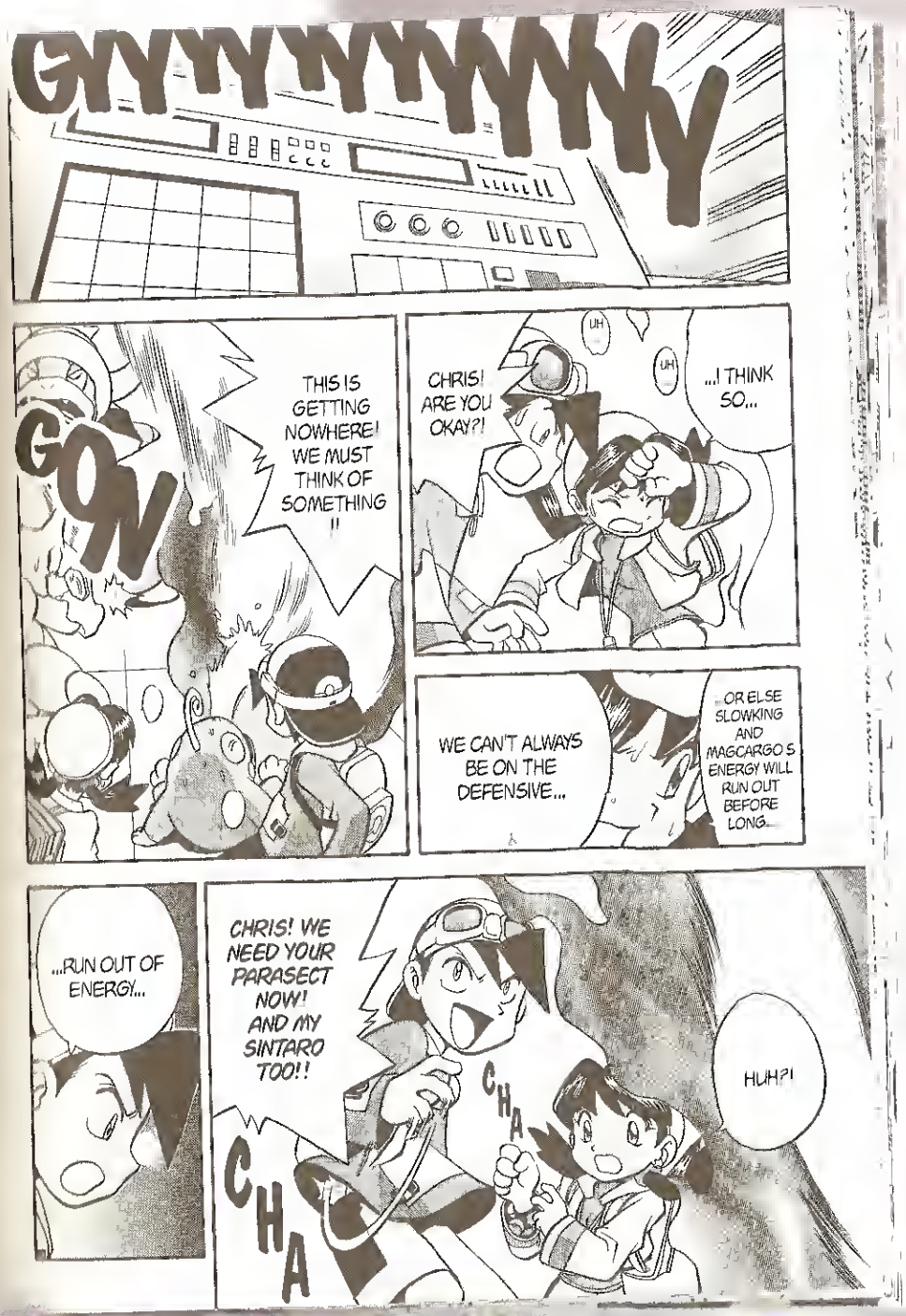

THIS SKILL WAS PASSED DOWN TO US BY THE MASKED MAN HIMSELF!!

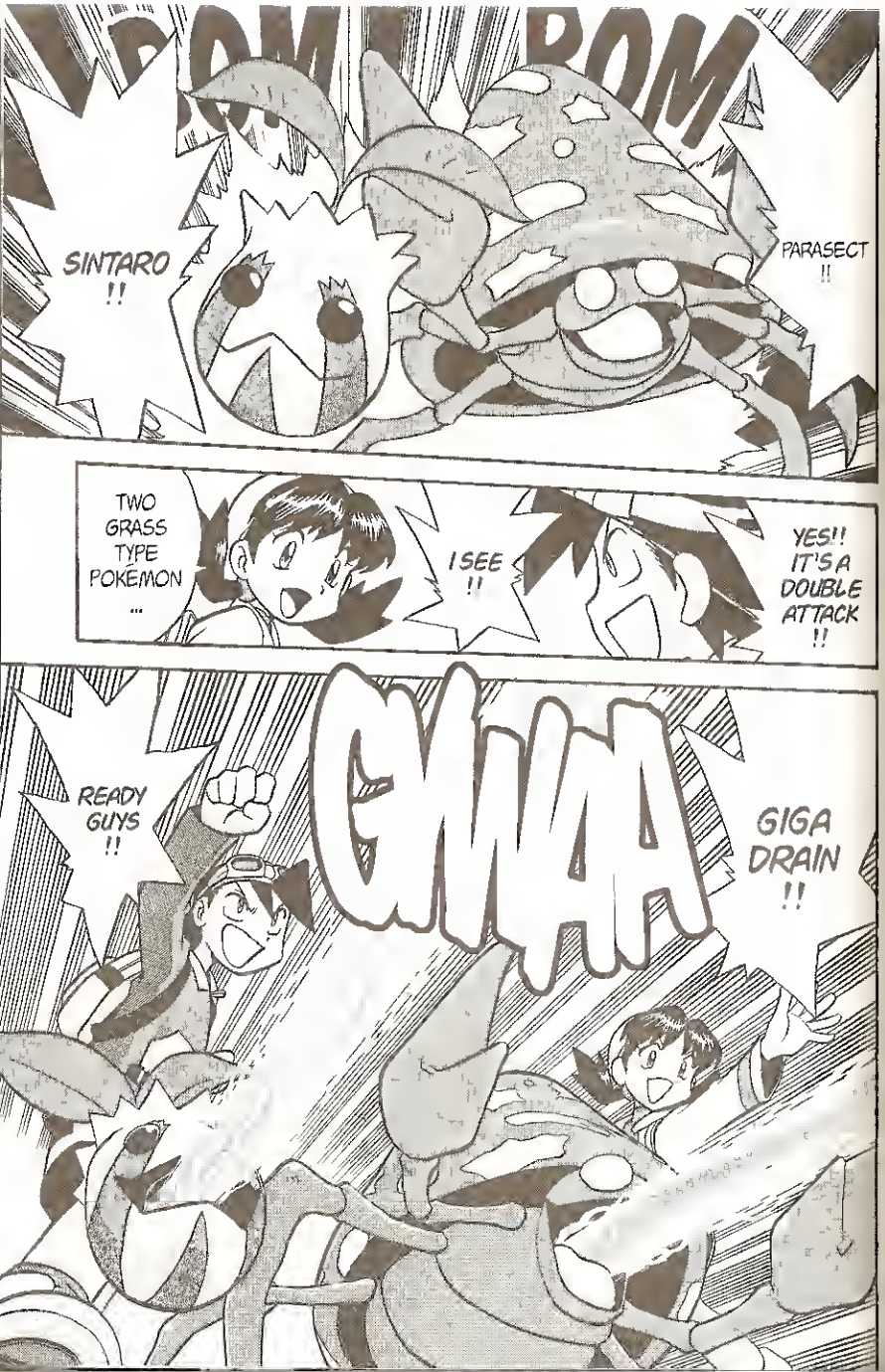

WE CAN'T MOVE AT ALL.
BUT WE CAN'T LOSE...
KCHA
YOU'RE NOT GONNA STOP ME WITH THESE GIMMICKS!!
GO, POLTARO!!
KYUWWWW
HYPNOSIS!!
THUMP


HEY... WE CAN MOVE!!
THERE! I'VE WON YOUR HOUNDOOM AND PERSIAN'S ROAR!!
TAT
WHAT ?!
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT WE'RE MADE OF!!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN STOP US BY PUTTING THEM TO SLEEP?!
THEY CAN ATTACK EVEN WHEN ASLEEP !!
HWW
GO
SNORE AND...
...SLEEP TALK!!
WHOO

CUBONE, BONE RUSH!!
KAN KANG KAN KANG
GONG
WOAAAH!!
SWWWW
BYAA

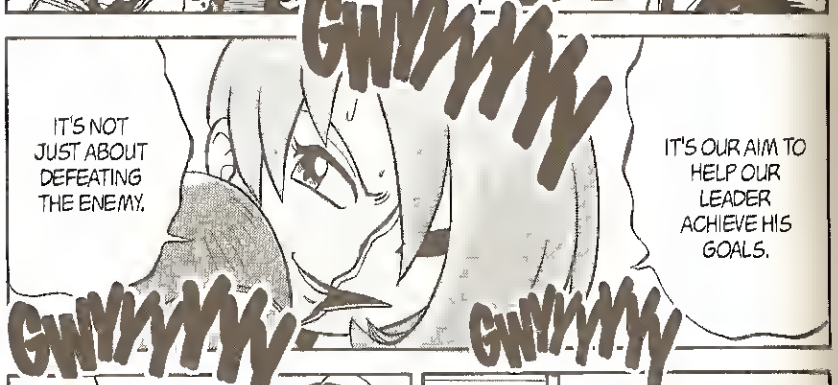

PWWWW
THE FLAMES ARE TOO STRONG !!
THE WATER'S VAPORIZED IN NO TIME!!
GOLD IS ALSO STRUGG-LING!!
BUT OUR POKÉMON SHOULD HAVE THE UPPER-HAND!
I UNDER-STAND! THAT'S WHY THEY'RE FEAR-LESS...
..IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE ASLEEP !!
AND THEY WILL CONTINUE ATTACKING WITHOUT NEED FOR CUES FROM TRAINERS!
HAHAHA, THAT'S INDEED VERY CONVENIENT FOR US!
BUT WE'VE YET TO COMPLETE OUR MISSION IN THE CONTROL ROOM.
A FEW MORE MINUTES AND I'LL BE IN THE PROGRAM ...
TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE
TAP!
Enter
ZYZZ
DRR DRRR...


GYYYYYYYYYY
GON
THIS IS GETTING NOWHERE! WE MUST THINK OF SOMETHING !!
CHRIS! ARE YOU OKAY?!
UH
UH
...I THINK SO...
WE CAN'T ALWAYS BE ON THE DEFENSIVE...
..OR ELSE SLOWKING AND MAGCARGO'S ENERGY WILL RUN OUT BEFORE LONG...
...RUN OUT OF ENERGY...
CHRIS! WE NEED YOUR PARASECT NOW! AND MY SINTARO TOO!!
CHA
CHA
HUH?!

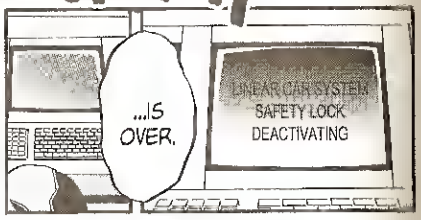

BOM BOM
SINTARO !!
PARASECT !!
TWO GRASS TYPE POKEMON ...
I SEE !!
YES!! IT'S A DOUBLE ATTACK !!
READY GUYS !!
GWAA
GIGA DRAIN !!

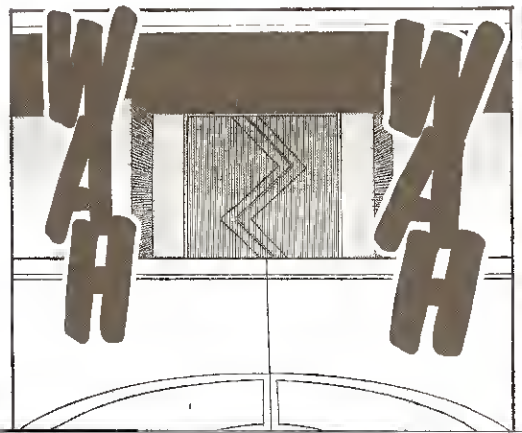
WHAT ?!
OH NO!! MAG-CARGO ...
DONG
WOAH!!
GYWAA
SINK
SINK
SINK
DONG
HAHA! WE'VE FINISHED DRAINING THEIR ENERGY!!
YES !!

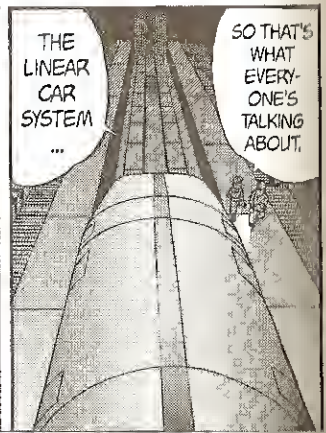
GWYYYYYY
HUH, WHAT'VE YOU DONE!!
SHAKE
...UH.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU ABOUT HOW DETERMINED WE WERE?

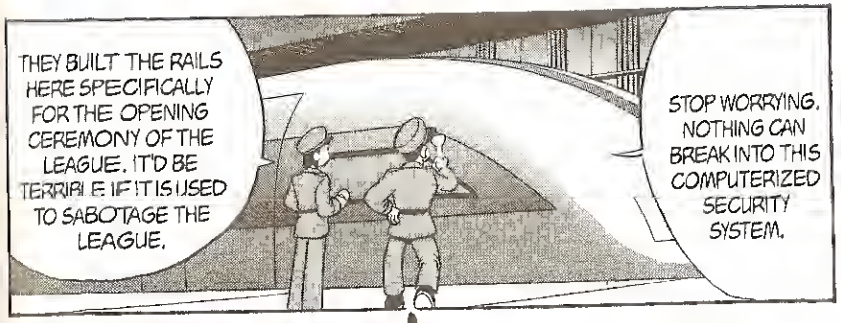

GWYYYYYY
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT DEFEATING THE ENEMY.
IT'S OUR AIM TO HELP OUR LEADER ACHIEVE HIS GOALS.

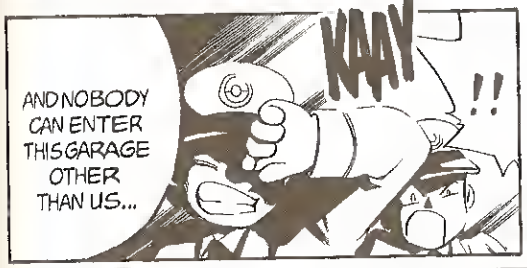
AND OUR MISSION HERE...
AH...

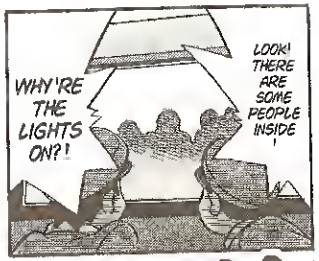

...IS OVER.
LINEAR CAR SYSTEM SAFETY LOCK DEACTIVATING

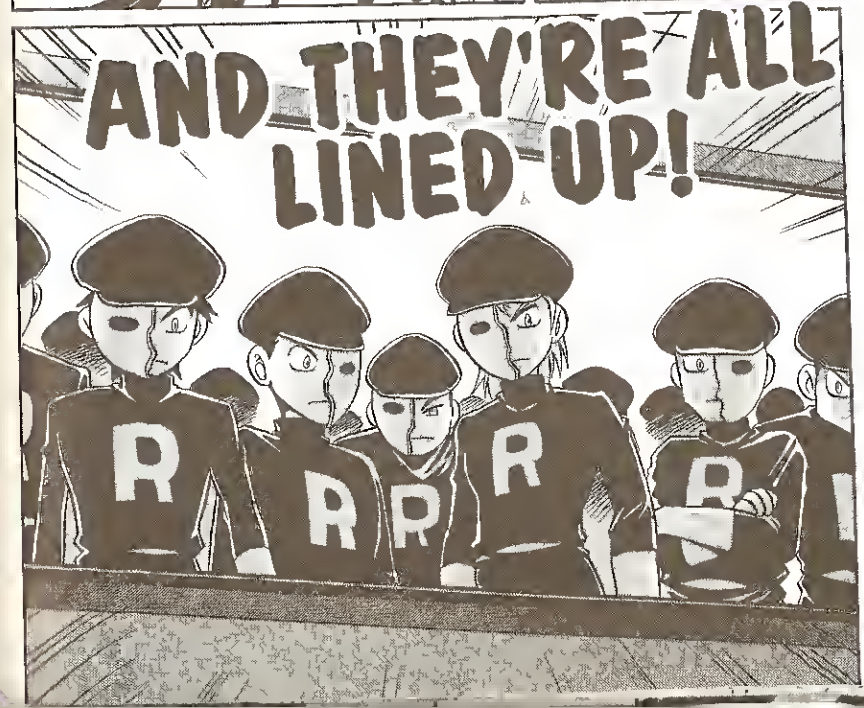

WAH
WAH


THE LINEAR CAR SYSTEM ...
SO THAT'S WHAT EVERY-ONE'S TALKING ABOUT.


THEY BUILT THE RAILS HERE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LEAGUE. IT'D BE TERRIBLE IF IT IS USED TO SABOTAGE THE LEAGUE.
STOP WORRYING. NOTHING CAN BREAK INTO THIS COMPUTERIZED SECURITY SYSTEM.


AND NOBODY CAN ENTER THIS GARAGE OTHER THAN US...
KAAY
!!

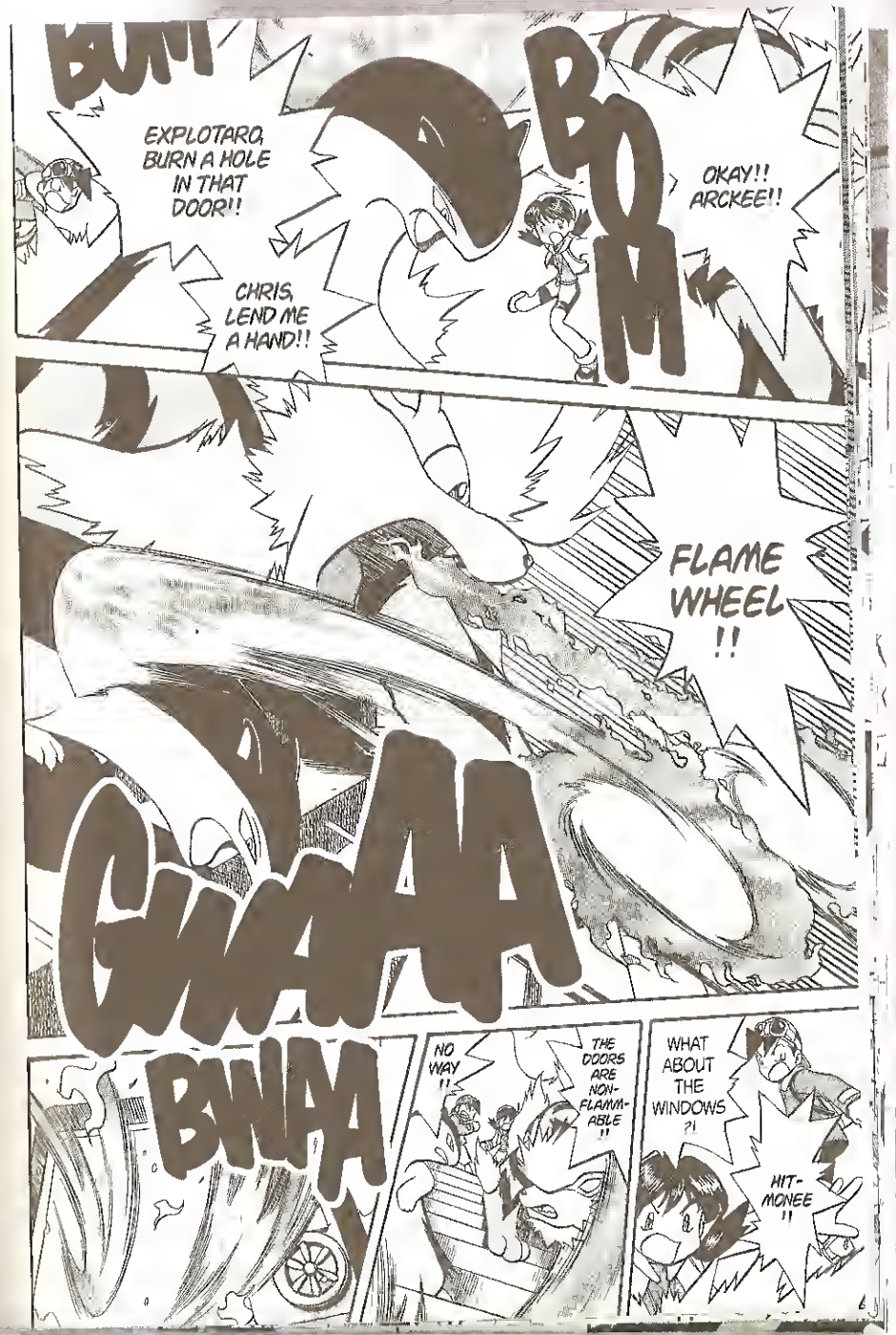

WHY'RE THE LIGHTS ON?!
LOOK! THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE INSIDE!

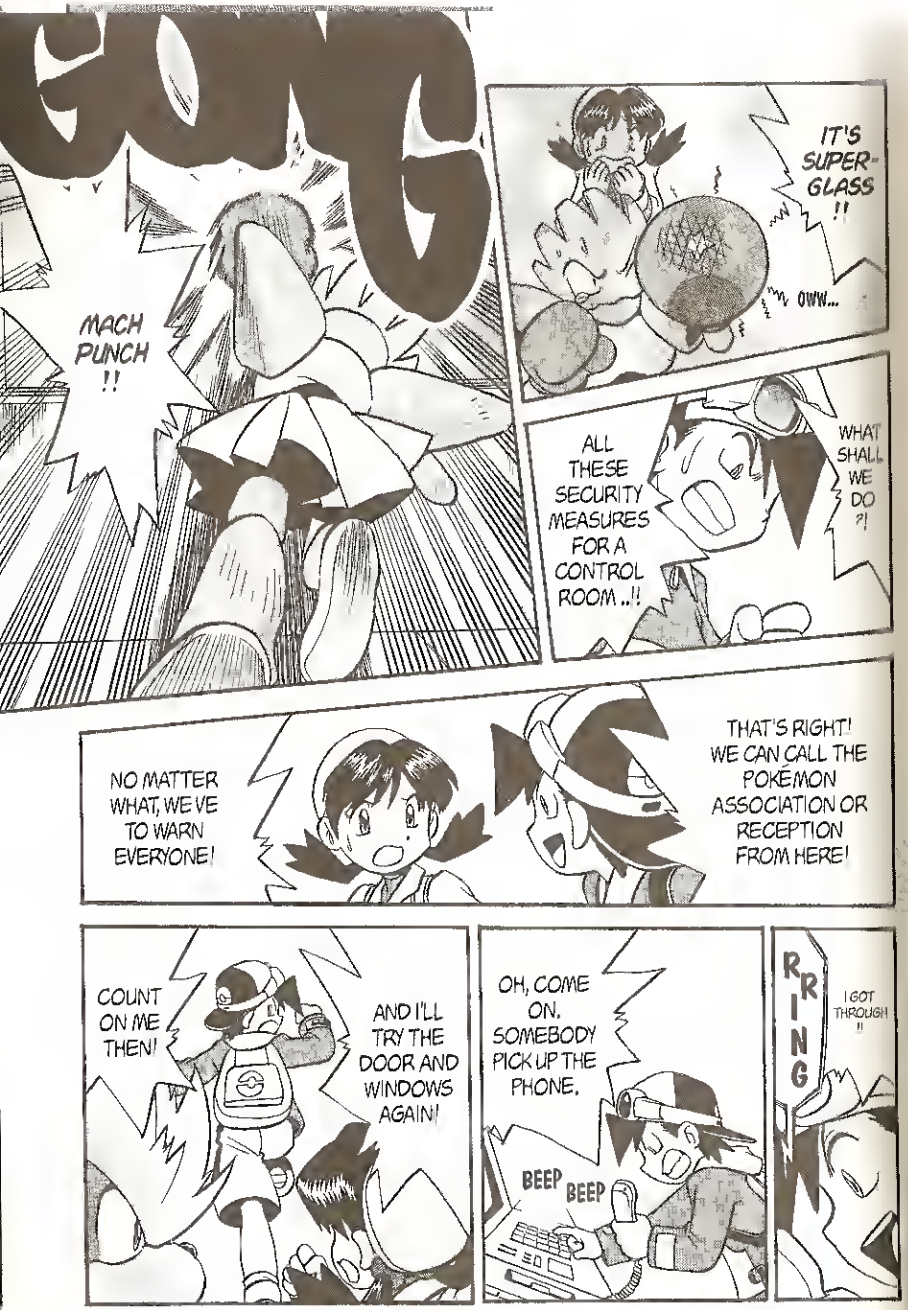

AND THEY'RE ALL LINED UP!
R
R
R
R

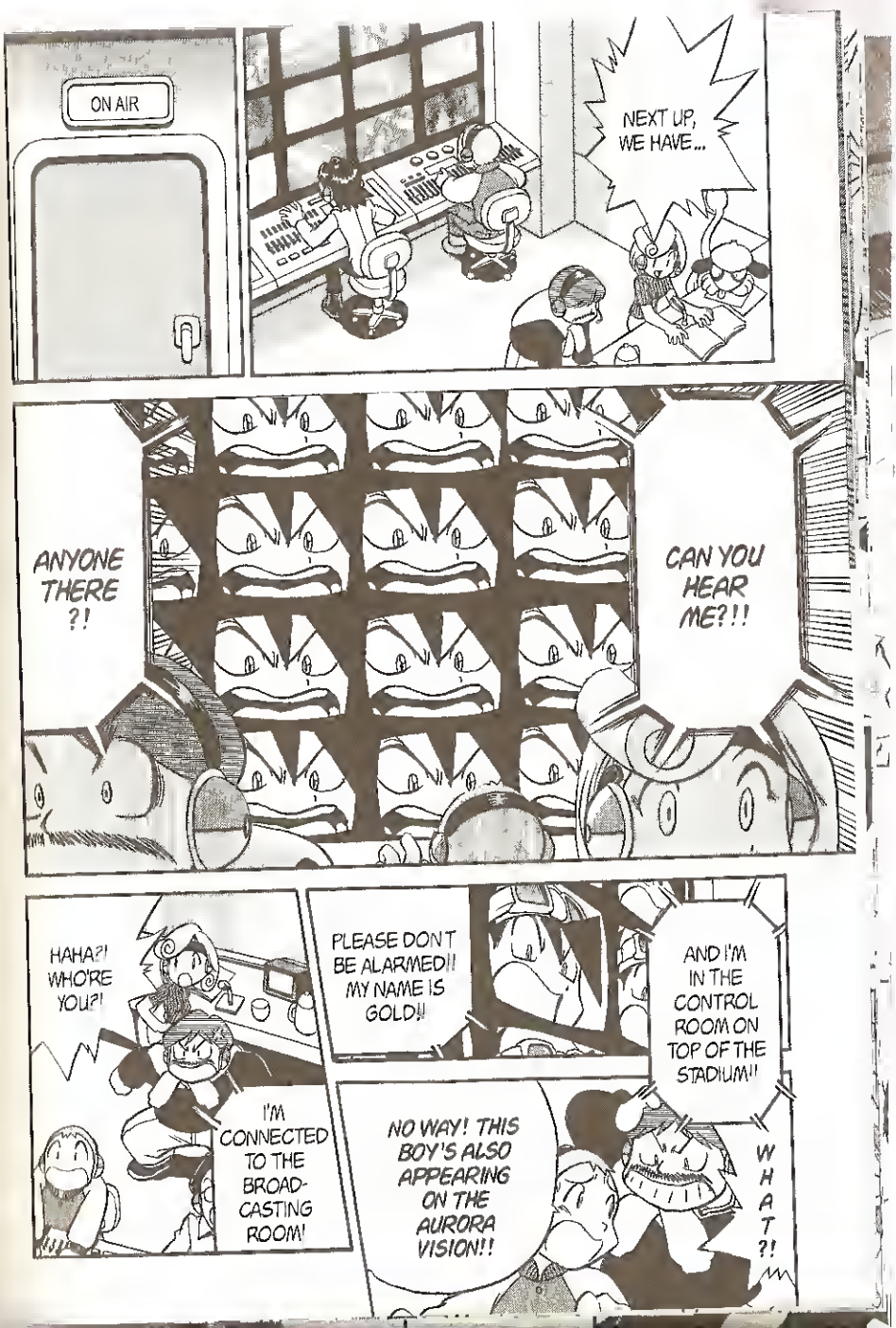
CHAPTER 165 LUGIA & HO-OH (PART 1)

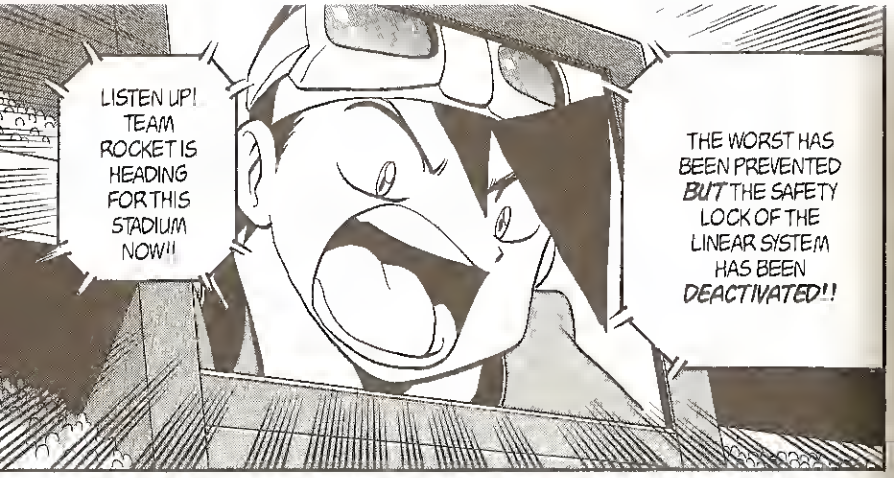
HUH!! A WARNING MESSAGE ?!
WARNING
LINEAR MOTOR
SYSTEM SAFETY LOCK
DEACTIVATING
GW
ISN'T THIS THE TRAIN THAT WORKS ON ELECTRO-MAGNETIC POWERS? WHAT HAS IT GOTTA DO WITH THE LEAGUE?!
I HEARD THEY BUILT THE RAILS IN INDIGO ESPECIALLY FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY!
WITH RAILS INSIDE THE STADIUM AND THE GARAGE RIGHT BESIDE IT...
TYPE TYPE
WHAT HAVE THESE GUYS DONE TO THE SYSTEM?!
HOW TROUBLESOME IT'D BE IF THE TRAIN CRASHED INTO THE STADIUM!
POO !!
NO! IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO?!
WE CAN'T JUST STAY HERE! WE MUST GO DOWNSTAIRS AND INFORM EVERYONE!!
!!

DARN! WE'RE SHUT IN!!
IT WON'T BULGE !!
GRRGRR
CHAPTER 165
LUGIA & HO-OH (PART 1)
DARN IT!
WE'RE LOCKED INSIDE THE CONTROL ROOM!!
EVEN THE SWITCHES OF THE DOORS ARE CONTROLLED BY THIS ROOM!!
AND NOW THAT THE SYSTEM IS SABO-TAGED...
AHH!!
IF WE CAN'T OPEN IT, WE'LL JUST BREAK IT DOWN !!

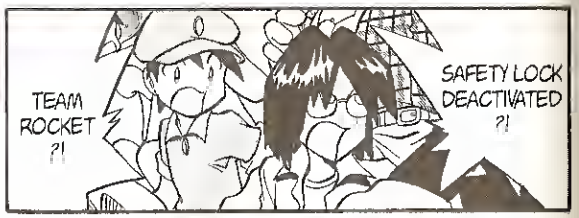

BUM
EXPLOTARO, BURN A HOLE IN THAT DOOR!!
CHRIS, LEND ME A HAND!!
BRM
OKAY!! ARCKEE!!
FLAME WHEEL !!
GWAAA
BWAA
NO WAY !!
THE DOORS ARE NON-FLAMM-ABLE !!
WHAT ABOUT THE WINDOWS ?!
HIT-MONEE !!

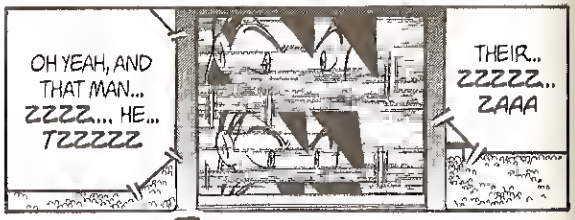

GONG
MACH PUNCH !!
IT'S SUPER-GLASS !!
OWW...
ALL THESE SECURITY MEASURES FOR A CONTROL ROOM ..!!
WHAT SHALL WE DO ?!
NO MATTER WHAT, WE'VE TO WARN EVERYONE!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE CAN CALL THE POKEMON ASSOCIATION OR RECEPTION FROM HERE!
COUNT ON ME THEN!
AND I'LL TRY THE DOOR AND WINDOWS AGAIN!
OH, COME ON. SOMEBODY PICK UP THE PHONE.
BEEP BEEP
RRING
I GOT THROUGH !!

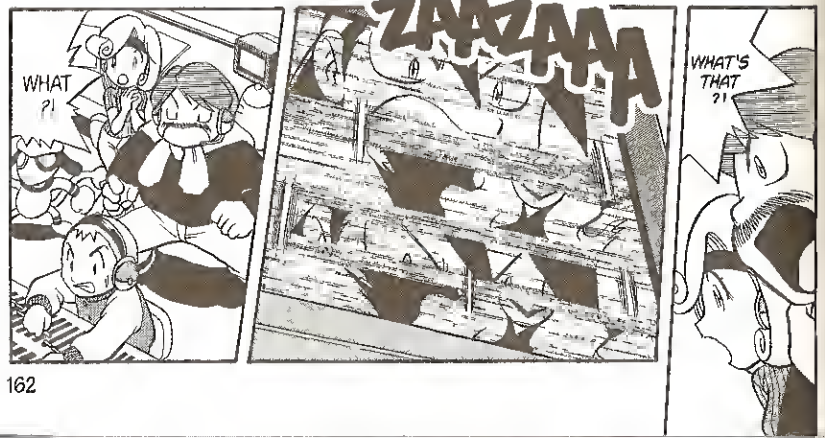

ON AIR
NEXT UP, WE HAVE...
ANYONE THERE ?!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?!!
HAHA?! WHO'RE YOU?!
I'M CONNECTED TO THE BROAD-CASTING ROOM!
PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED!! MY NAME IS GOLD!!
AND I'M IN THE CONTROL ROOM ON TOP OF THE STADIUM!!
NO WAY! THIS BOY'S ALSO APPEARING ON THE AURORA VISION!!
WHAT ?!

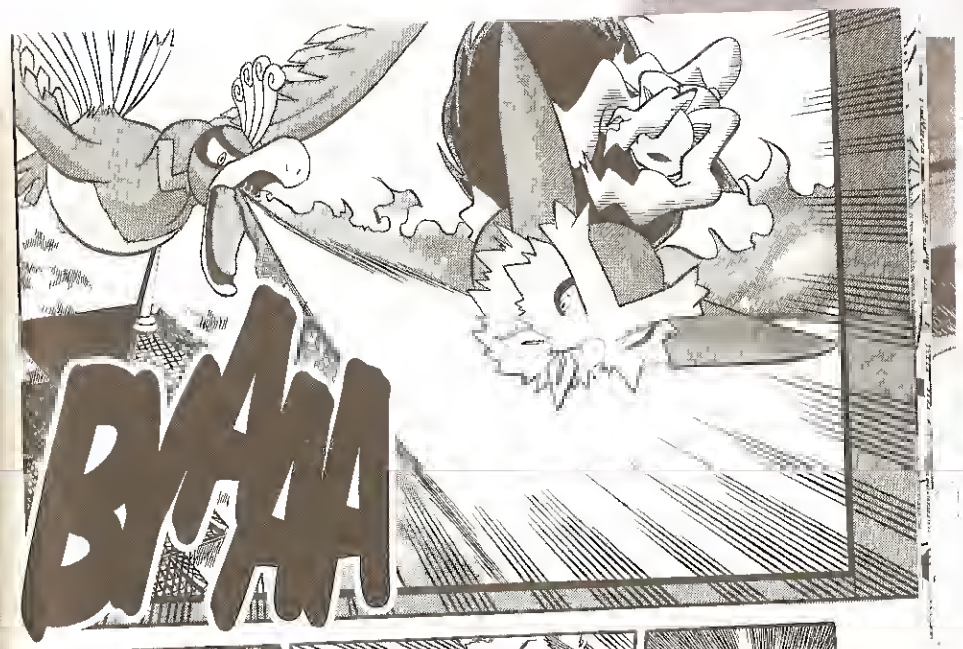

LISTEN UP! TEAM ROCKET IS HEADING FOR THIS STADIUM NOW!!
THE WORST HAS BEEN PREVENTED *BUT* THE SAFETY LOCK OF THE LINEAR SYSTEM HAS BEEN *DEACTIVATED*!!

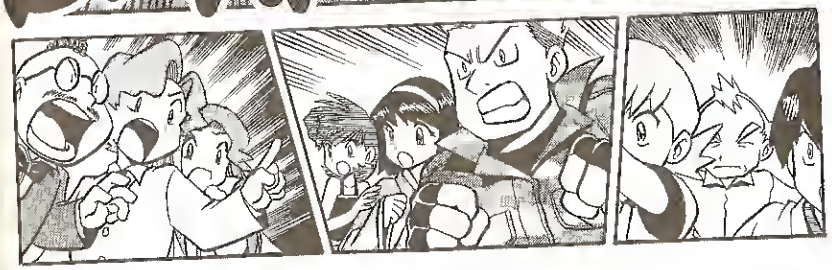
IF AN ACCIDENT HAPPENS, IT'LL BE DISASTROUS! EVERYONE MUST ESCAPE NOW!!
WHAT'D HE SAY ?!

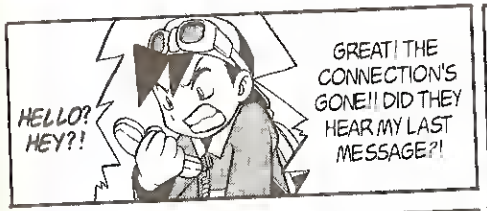

TEAM ROCKET ?!
SAFETY LOCK DEACTIVATED ?!


OH YEAH, AND THAT MAN... ZZZZ... HE... TZZZZZ
THEIR.. ZZZZZ.. ZAAA


WHAT ?!
ZAAZAAA
WHAT'S THAT ?!

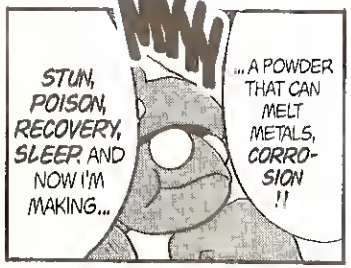

BYAAA

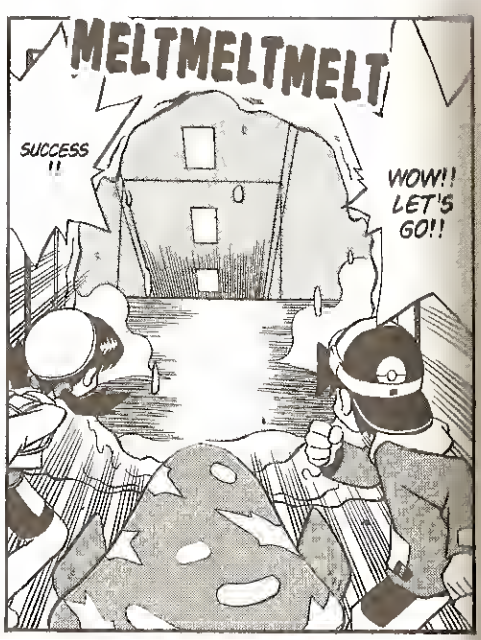


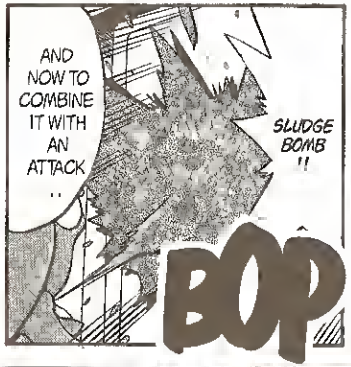

HELLO? HEY?!
GREAT! THE CONNECTION'S GONE!! DID THEY HEAR MY LAST MESSAGE?!

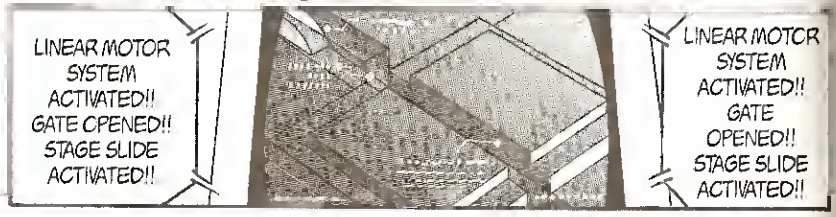
CHRIS, HOW'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE ?!
I JUST NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO FINISH THE MIXTURE!

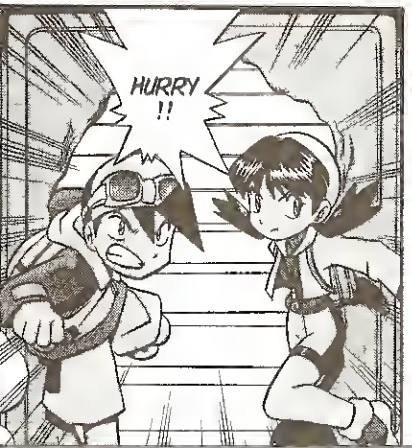
MIX-TURE ?!
MY PARASEE CAN CREATE DIFFERENT *POWDERS* WITHIN IT, USING ITS *SPORES*.

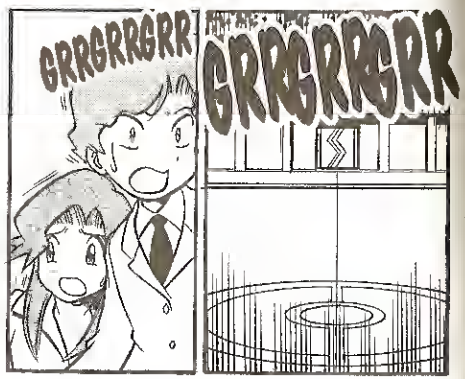

STUN, POISON, RECOVERY, SLEEP, AND NOW I'M MAKING...
...A POWDER THAT CAN MELT METALS, CORRO-SION !!

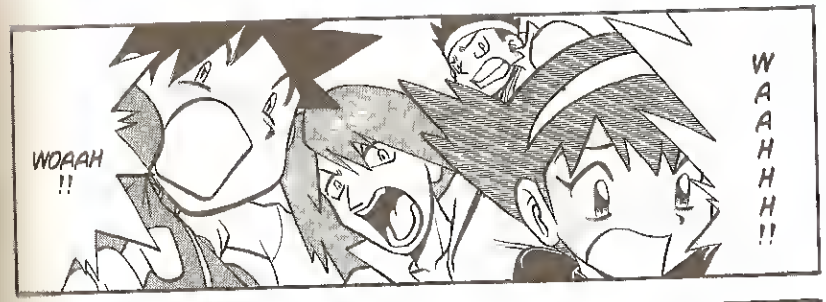

MELTMELTMELT
SUCCESS !!
WOW!! LET'S GO!!


AND NOW TO COMBINE IT WITH AN ATTACK ..
SLUDGE BOMB !!
BOP

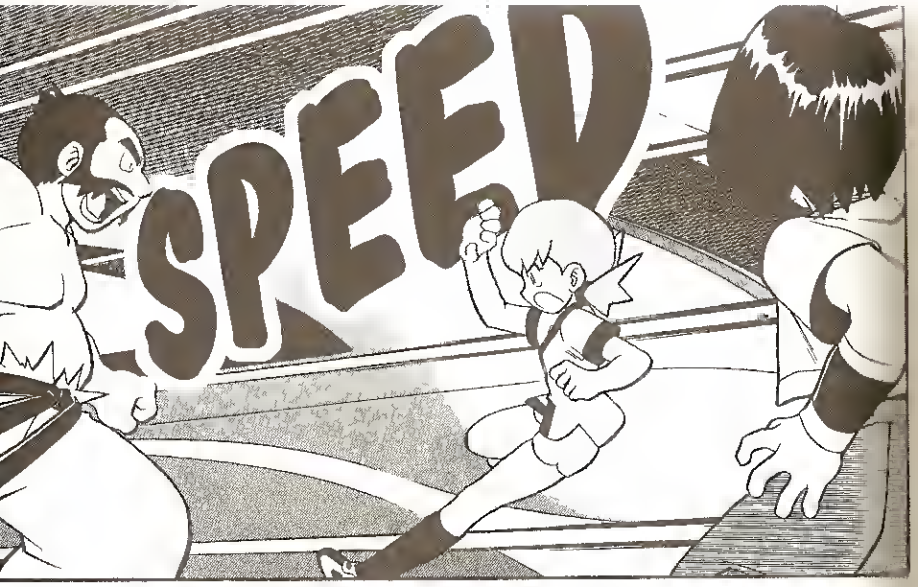

LINEAR MOTOR SYSTEM ACTIVATED!! GATE OPENED!! STAGE SLIDE ACTIVATED!!
LINEAR MOTOR SYSTEM ACTIVATED!! GATE OPENED!! STAGE SLIDE ACTIVATED!!

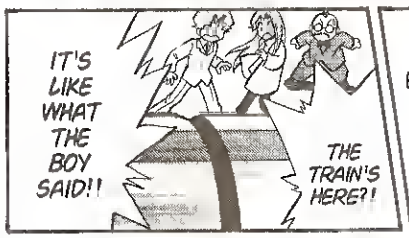

HURRY !!

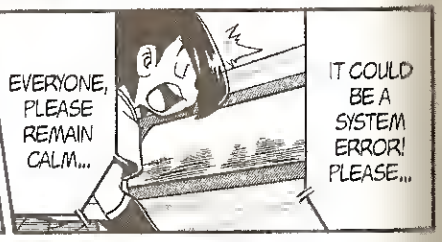

GRRGRRGRR
GRRGRRGRR

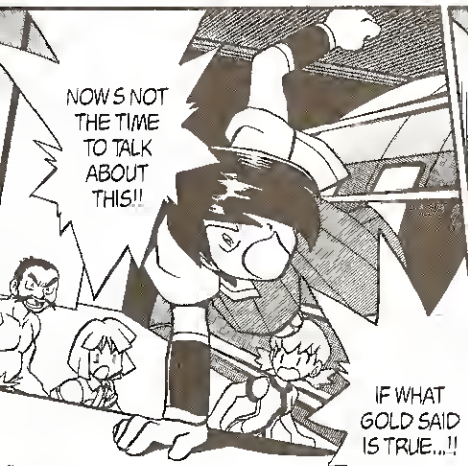

WOAAH !!
WAAHHH!!

GRRGRRGRR
OPEN

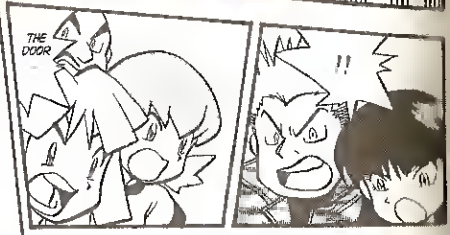

SPEED


IT'S LIKE WHAT THE BOY SAID!!
THE TRAIN'S HERE?!


EVERYONE, PLEASE REMAIN CALM...
IT COULD BE A SYSTEM ERROR! PLEASE...


NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT THIS!!
IF WHAT GOLD SAID IS TRUE...!!

OPEN


THE DOOR
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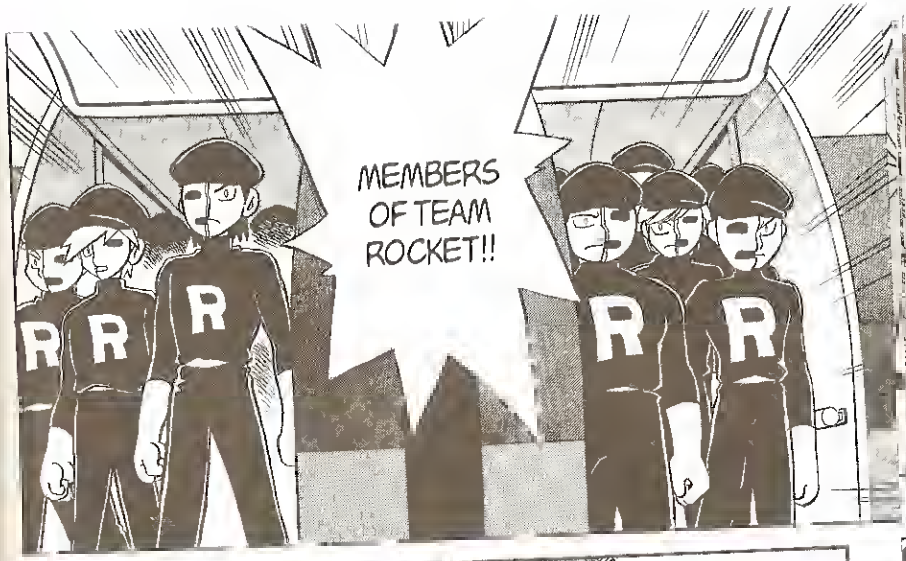
MEMBERS OF TEAM ROCKET!!
R
R
R
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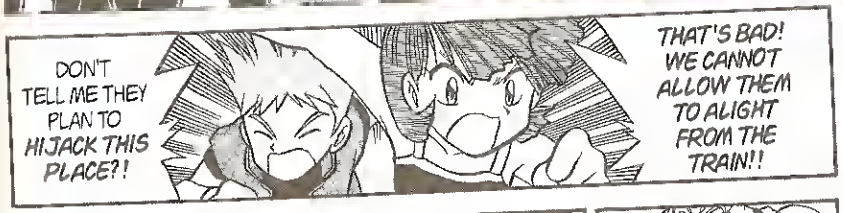
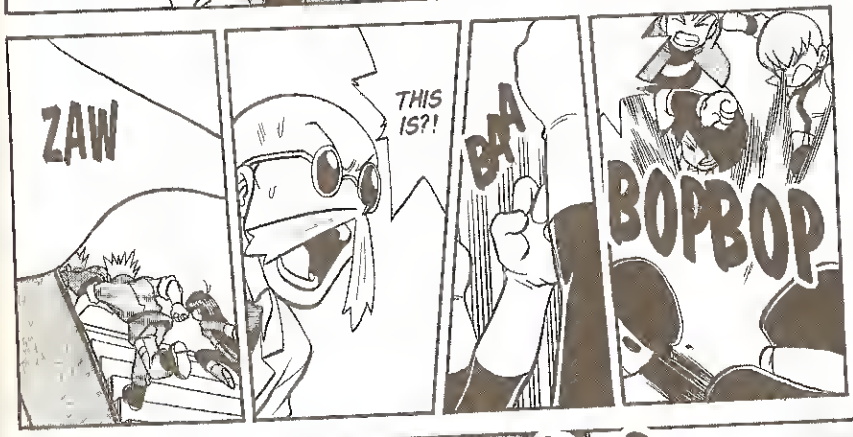
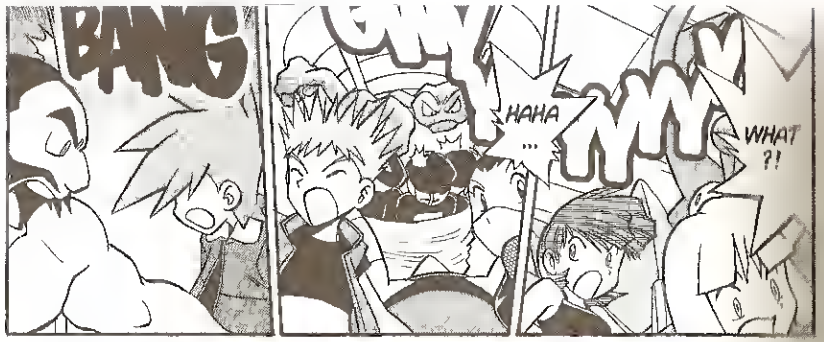
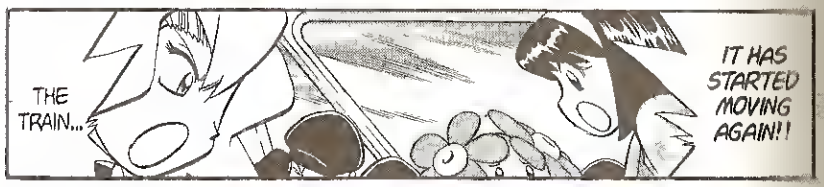

DON'T TELL ME THEY PLAN TO HIJACK THIS PLACE?!
THAT'S BAD! WE CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO ALIGHT FROM THE TRAIN!!


ZAW
THIS IS?!
BAA
BOPBOP

MYWWWMYWWWM

RRRR

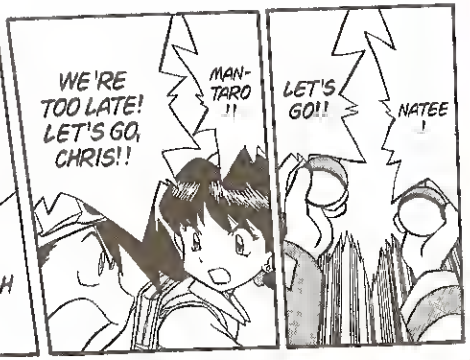

BANG
HAHA ...
WHAT ?!


THE TRAIN...
IT HAS STARTED MOVING AGAIN!!

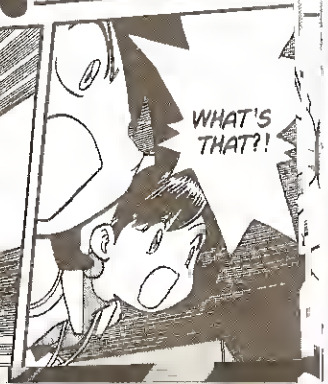
IT'S MOVING AWAY FROM THE STADIUM !!
AAAAAA
GA AA
BUT WHY...!!

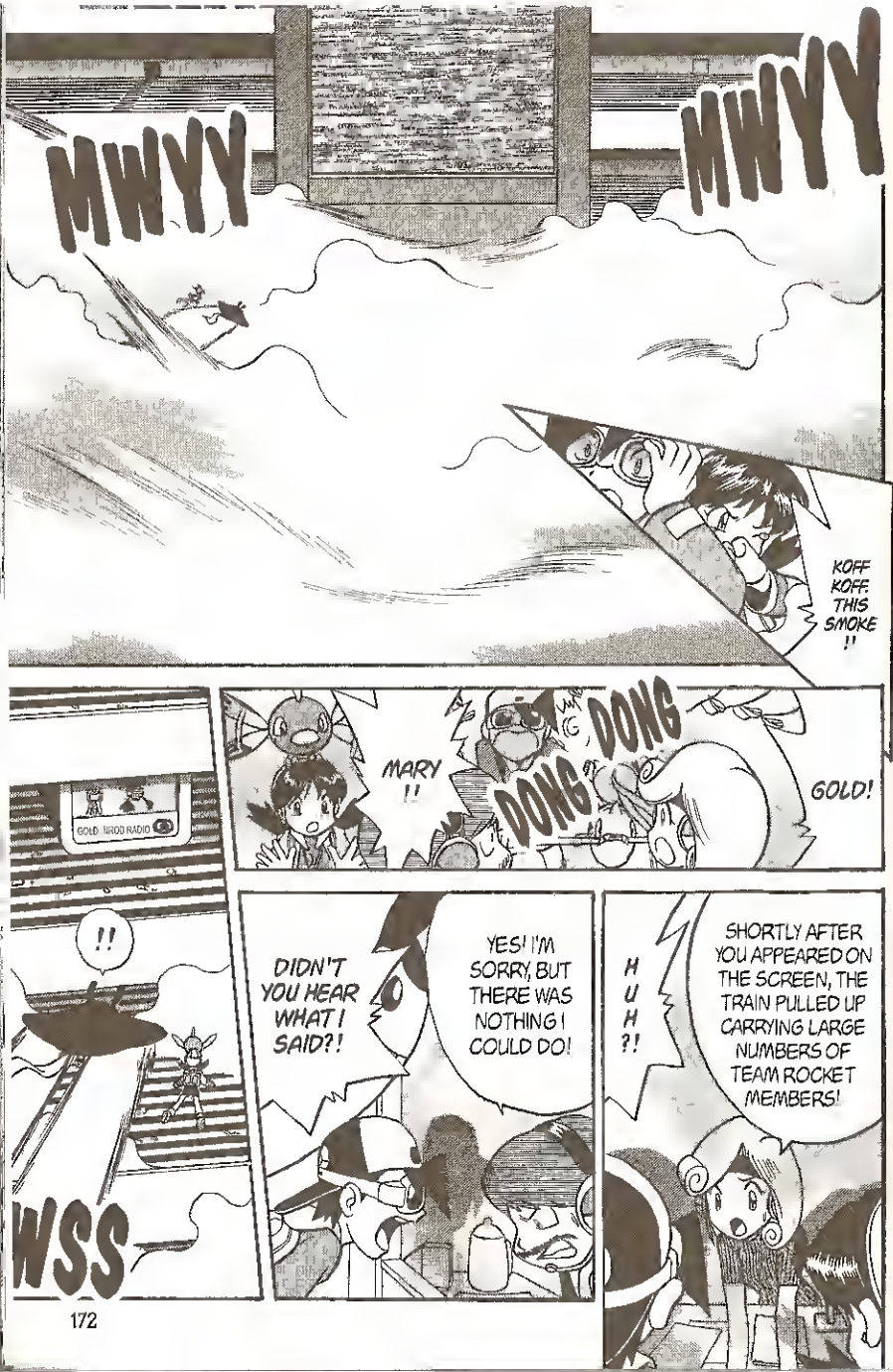
TAT
!!

OUTTA MY WAY !!
STOP PUSHING !!
AAH !!


WE'RE TOO LATE! LET'S GO, CHRIS!!
MAN-TARO !!
LET'S GO!!
NATEE !

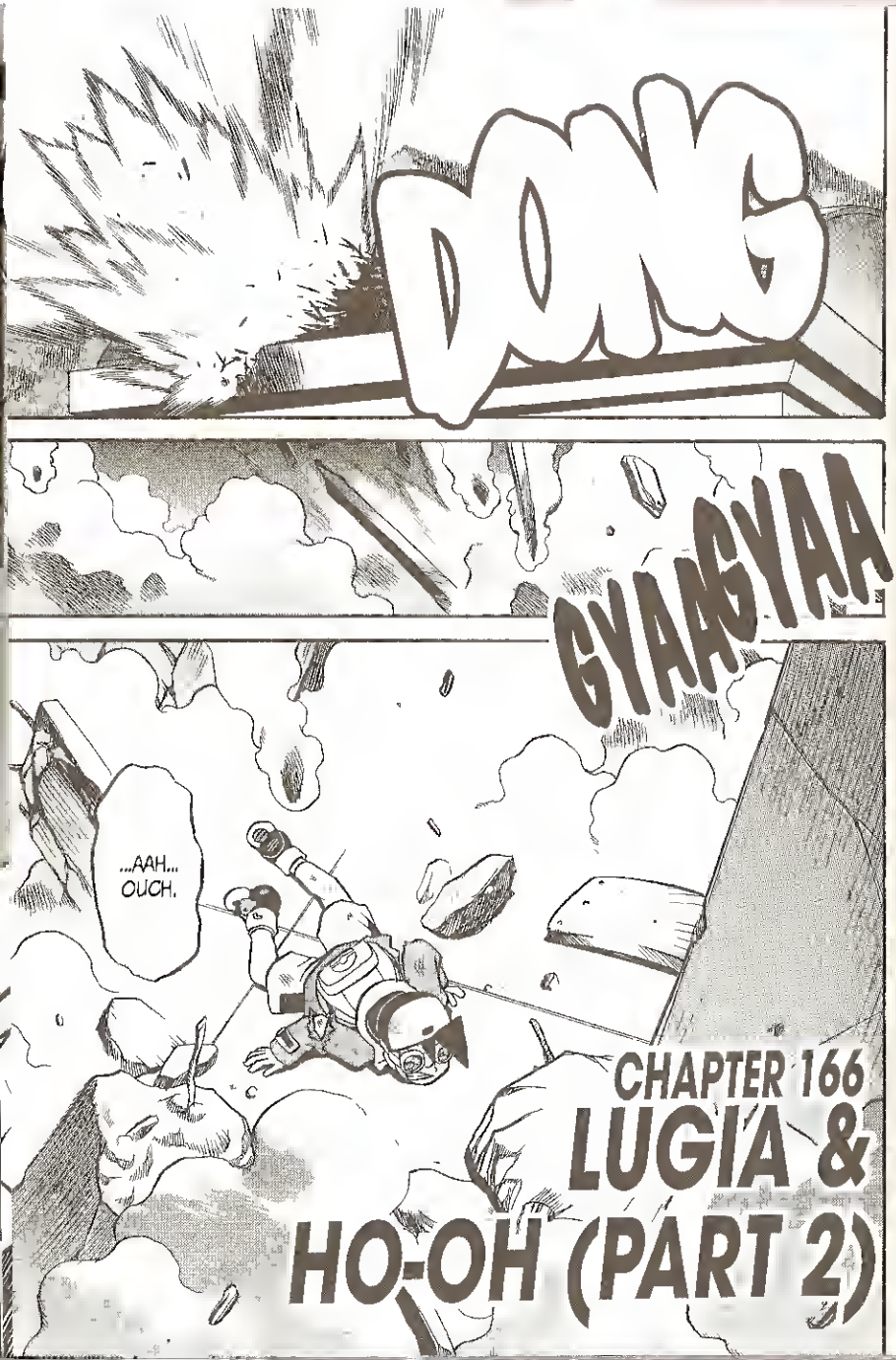
BAABAABAA


WHAT'S THAT?!


MWYY
MWYY
KOFF KOFF. THIS SMOKE !!
MARY !!
DONG DONG DONG
GOLD!
GOLD RADIO
!!
WSS
DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID?!
YES! I'M SORRY, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO!
HUH?!
SHORTLY AFTER YOU APPEARED ON THE SCREEN, THE TRAIN PULLED UP CARRYING LARGE NUMBERS OF TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS!

AND ALL THE LEADERS BOARDED THE TRAIN TO FIGHT THEM, SO AS TO PROTECT THE AUDIENCE IN THE STADIUM!
AND THE TRAIN STARTED TO MOVE AGAIN, WITH THE LEADERS ABOARD!!
WHAT?!
THE BATTLE MUST'VE CONTINUED IN THE TRAIN!
GOLD... MAYBE THIS WAS PART OF THE ENEMY'S PLANS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?!
IT'D BE DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO FIGHT A LEADER, WHAT'S MORE, ALL 16 OF THEM WERE HERE. THE ENEMY DEFINITELY NEEDED THEM OUT OF THE WAY!!
...BUT THE REAL MOTIVE IS TO REMOVE ALL THE LEADERS!!
WE HAD ASSUMED THE PURPOSE OF ACTIVATING THE LINEAR MOTOR SYSTEM WAS TO CRASH IN AND CREATE HAVOC AT THE STADIUM...!!
HA HA HAH!
!!
YOU FOUND OUT TOO LATE!

EVERY-THING HAS GONE ACCORDING TO PLAN...
...OR EVEN BETTER...
NOW'S THE TIME TO GET RID OF THE LAST OBSTACLES.
THE SOARING RED WINGS ON ONE SIDE!!
ZAW
!!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE ...
THE NEW MEMBERS OF MY TEAM!!
AND SILVER WINGS FROM THE DEEP BLUE ON THE OTHER!!


DONG
GYAAGYAA
...AAH... OUCH.
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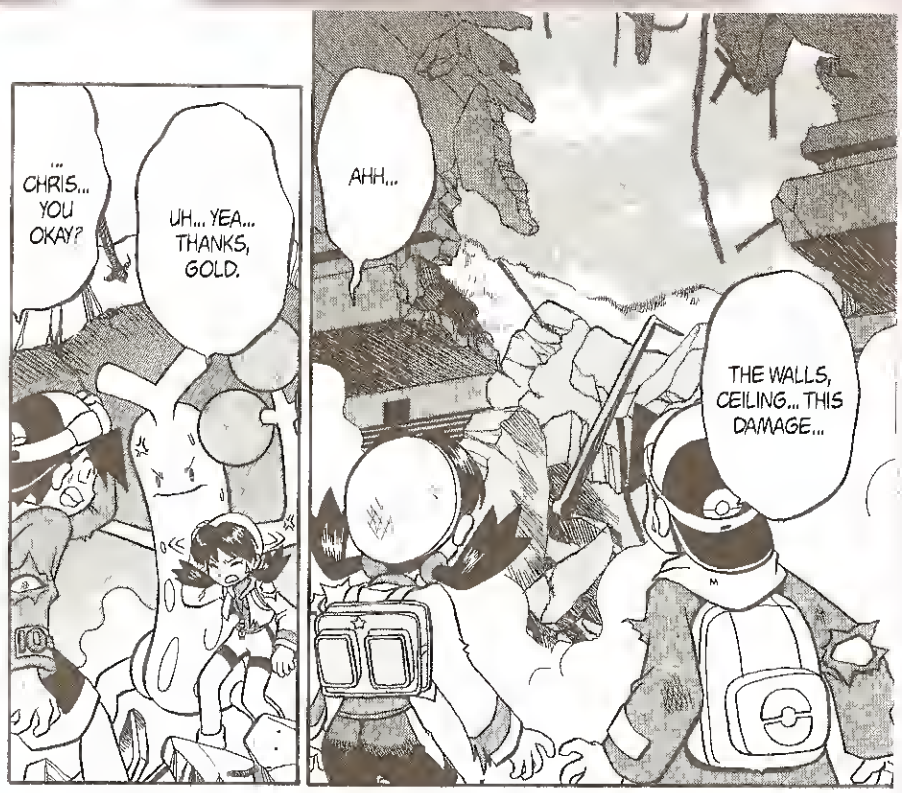
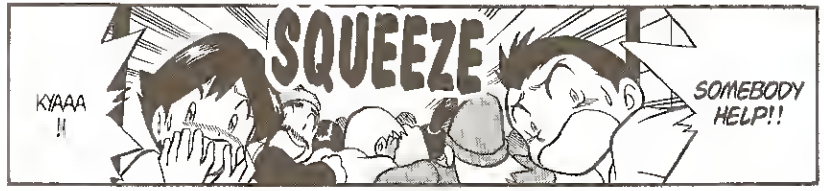
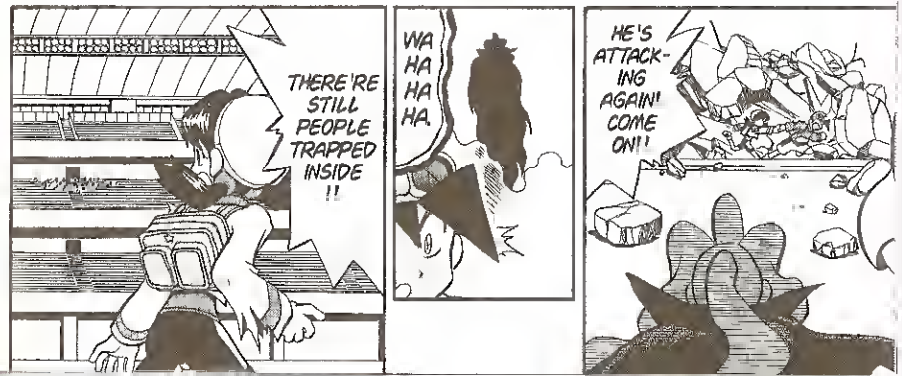
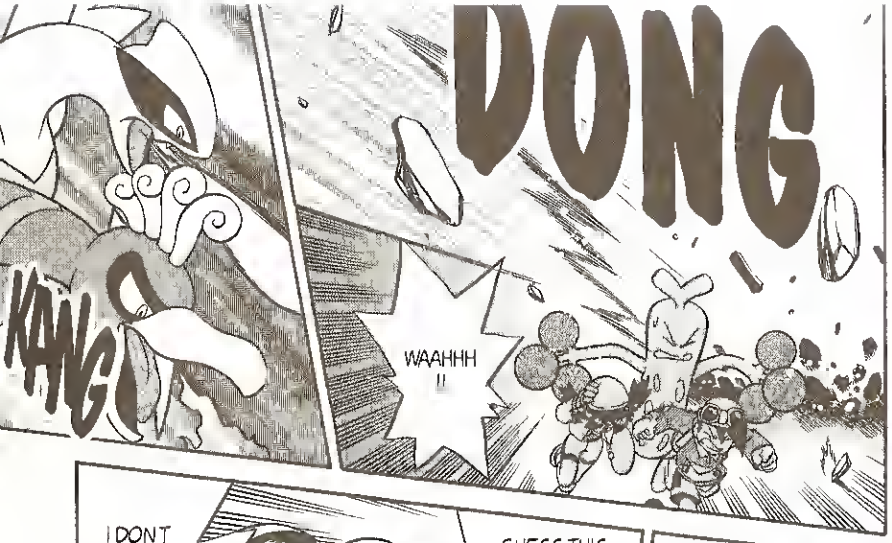
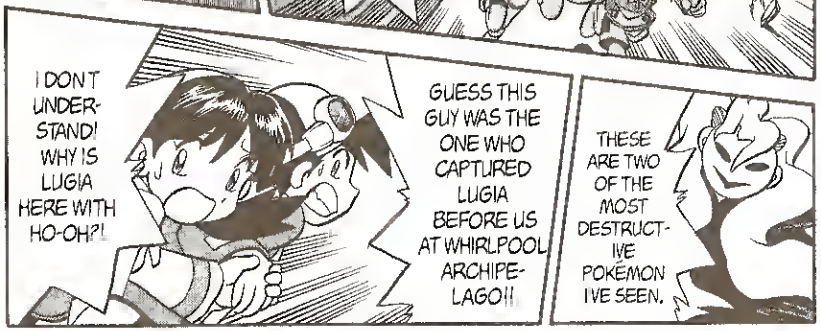
LUGIA & HO-OH (PART 2)


... CHRIS... YOU OKAY?
UH... YEA... THANKS, GOLD.
AHH...
THE WALLS, CEILING... THIS DAMAGE...


KYAAA !!
SQUEEZE
SOMEBODY HELP!!

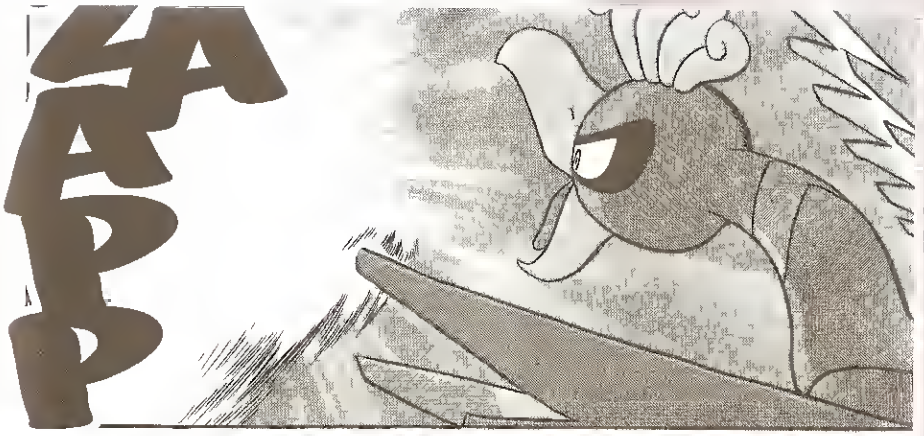

THERE'RE STILL PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE !!
WA HA HA HA.
HE'S ATTACK-ING AGAIN! COME ON!!


KANG
DONG
WAAHHH !!

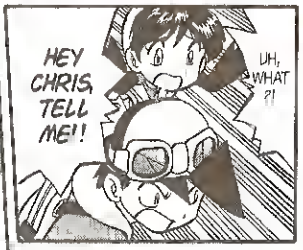

I DON'T UNDER-STAND! WHY IS LUGIA HERE WITH HO-OH?!
GUESS THIS GUY WAS THE ONE WHO CAPTURED LUGIA BEFORE US AT WHIRLPOOL ARCHIPE-LAGO!!
THESE ARE TWO OF THE MOST DESTRUCT-IVE POKÉMON I'VE SEEN.

AND THAT GUY ACTUALLY MANAGED TO LEAD THEM HERE!
THERE MUST BE MORE TO IT!!

WE CAN'T GO ON RUNNING LIKE THIS!
DYSSS
UTARO, READY, MUD SLAP!!
ZYPYA


ZAPP

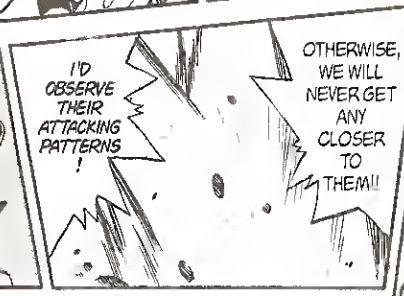
IT NOT ONLY FAILED TOTALLY... WHAT'S WORSE, HE'S MOCKING ME!!
SWSSS
NOW I FEEL LIKE CRYING !!


HEY CHRIS, TELL ME!!
UH, WHAT ?!

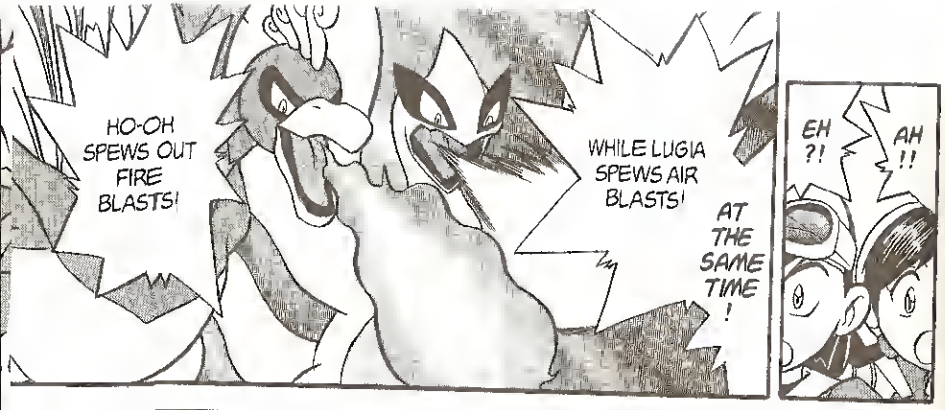
THE WAY TO ATTACK THESE TWO!

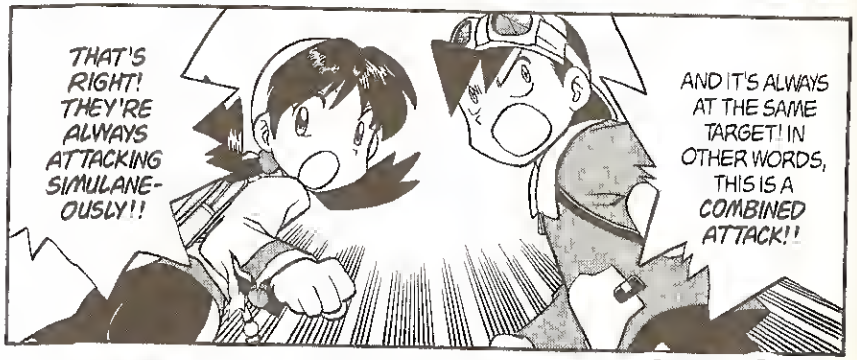
IF HO-OH AND LUGIA WERE WILD POKÉMON...
...WHAT'D YOU DO AS A PRO OF CAP-TURING ?!

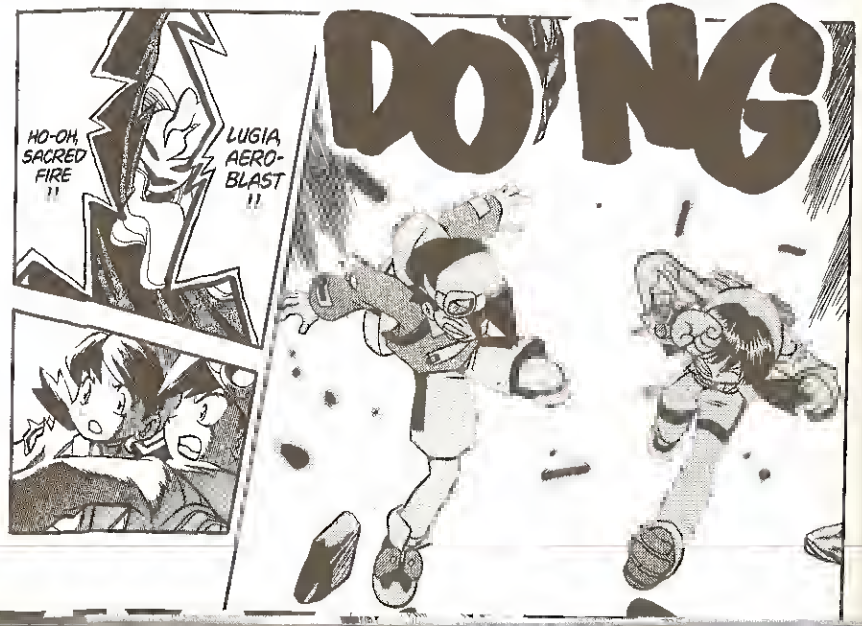
...


I'D OBSERVE THEIR ATTACKING PATTERNS !
OTHERWISE, WE WILL NEVER GET ANY CLOSER TO THEM!!

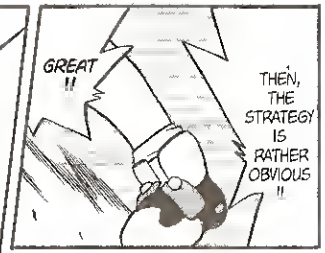
OF COURSE
SO, HAVE YOU FOUND OUT ANYTHING ?!

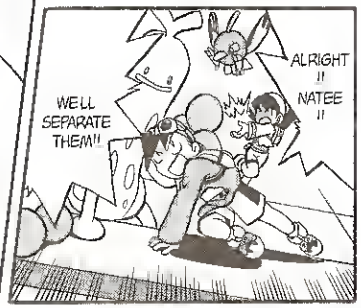

HO-OH SPEWS OUT FIRE BLASTS!
WHILE LUGIA SPEWS AIR BLASTS!
AT THE SAME TIME!
EH?!
AH!!


THAT'S RIGHT! THEY'RE ALWAYS ATTACKING SIMULANEOUSLY!!
AND IT'S ALWAYS AT THE SAME TARGET! IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS A COMBINED ATTACK!!


HO-OH, SACRED FIRE!!
LUGIA, AERO-BLAST!!
DONG

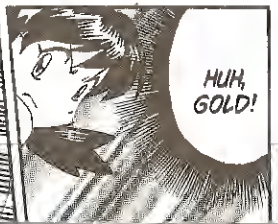
I KNOW! AS LUGIA'S AIR BLASTS ALWAYS COME RIGHT AFTER HO-OH'S FIRE BLASTS...
...WHEN THE TARGET IS HIT, THE AIR BLASTS MAXIMIZES THE PROWESS OF THE FIRE BLAST, CREATING AN INSTANT EXPLOSION!!

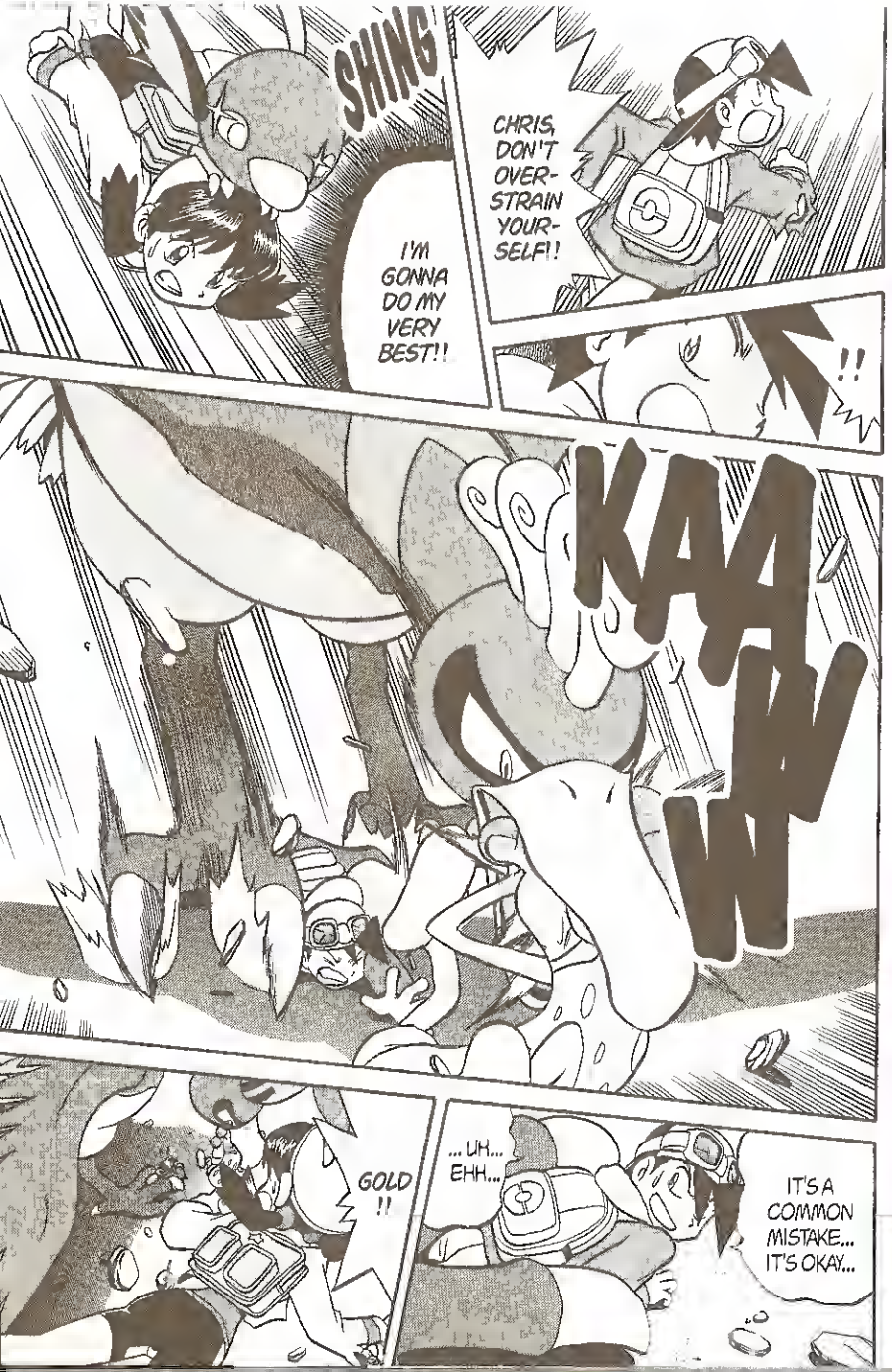

GREAT!!
THEN, THE STRATEGY IS RATHER OBVIOUS!!

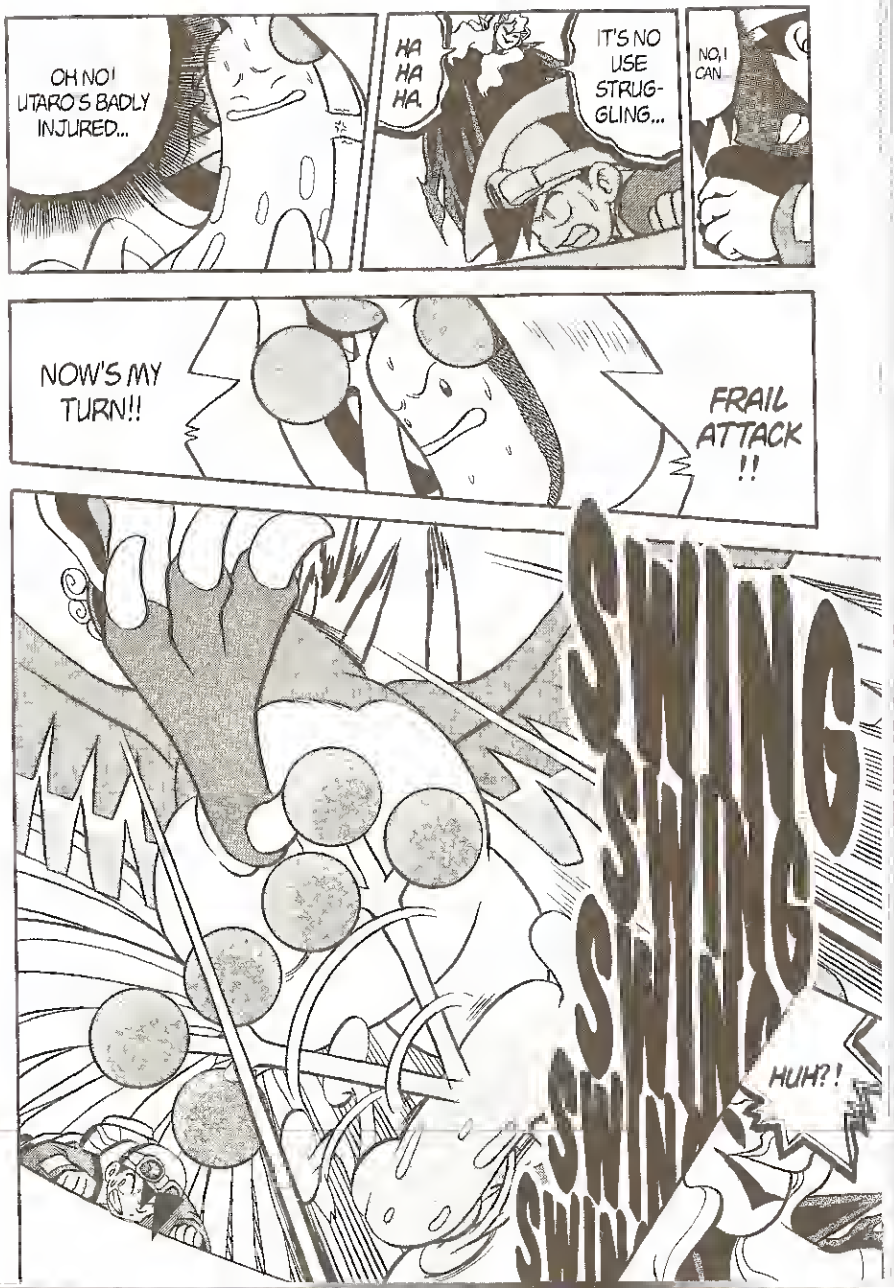

WE'LL SEPARATE THEM!!
ALRIGHT!! NATEE!!

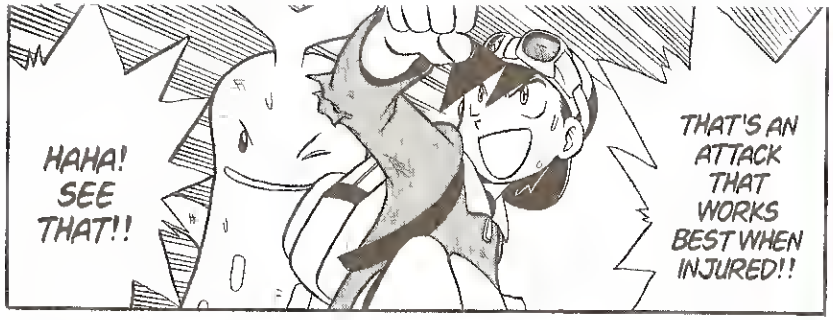
COME ON!! I'M HERE!!
GYWWW

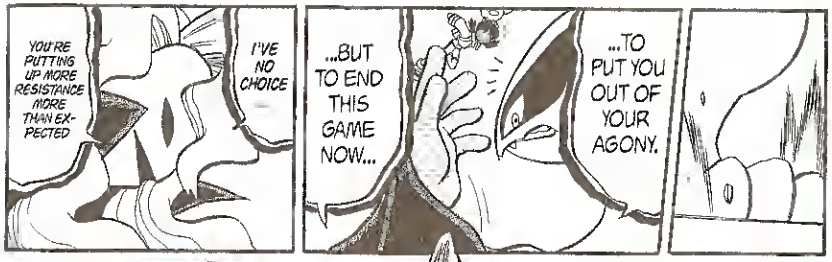
CHRIS! JUST STAY OUT OF REACH!
WE'VE TO DISTRACT THESE GUYS TILL EVERYONE HAS ESCAPED...

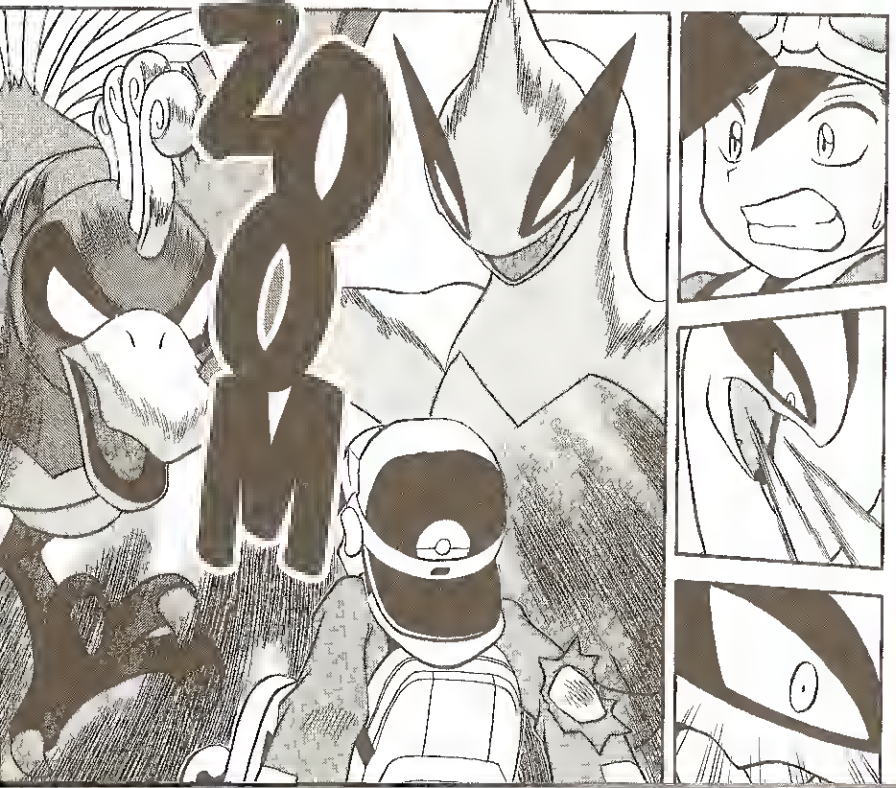

HUH, GOLD!


SHING
I'M GONNA DO MY VERY BEST!!
CHRIS, DON'T OVER-STRAIN YOUR-SELF!!
!!
KAAW
GOLD !!
... UH... EHH...
IT'S A COMMON MISTAKE... IT'S OKAY...


OH NO! UTARO'S BADLY INJURED...
HA HA HA.
IT'S NO USE STRUG-GLING...
NO, I CAN
NOW'S MY TURN!!
FRAIL ATTACK !!
SWING
HUH?!

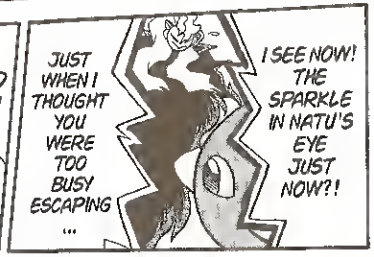

HAHA! SEE THAT!!
THAT'S AN ATTACK THAT WORKS BEST WHEN INJURED!!

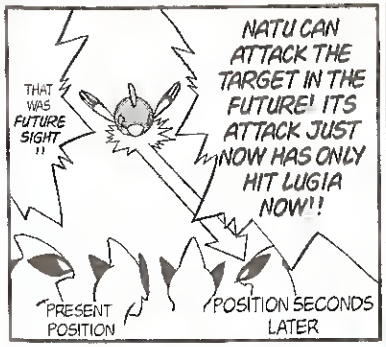

YOU'RE PUTTING UP MORE RESISTANCE MORE THAN EXPECTED
I'VE NO CHOICE
...BUT TO END THIS GAME NOW...
...TO PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR AGONY.


ZOOM

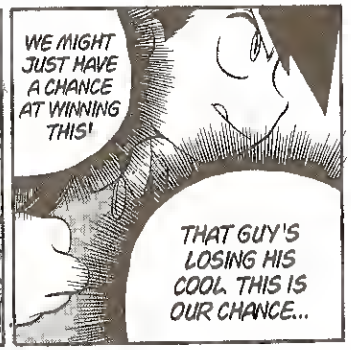
ZISS

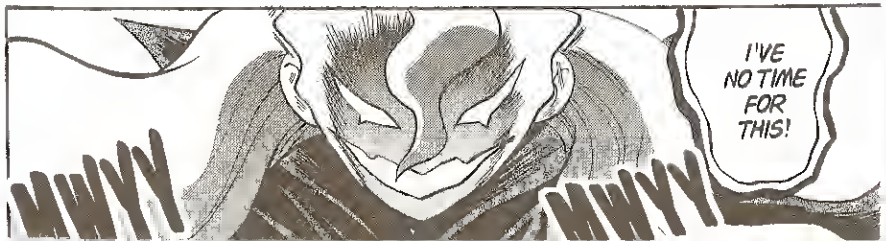
WHAT ?!
I DID IT!


JUST WHEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOO BUSY ESCAPING ...
I SEE NOW! THE SPARKLE IN NATU'S EYE JUST NOW?!

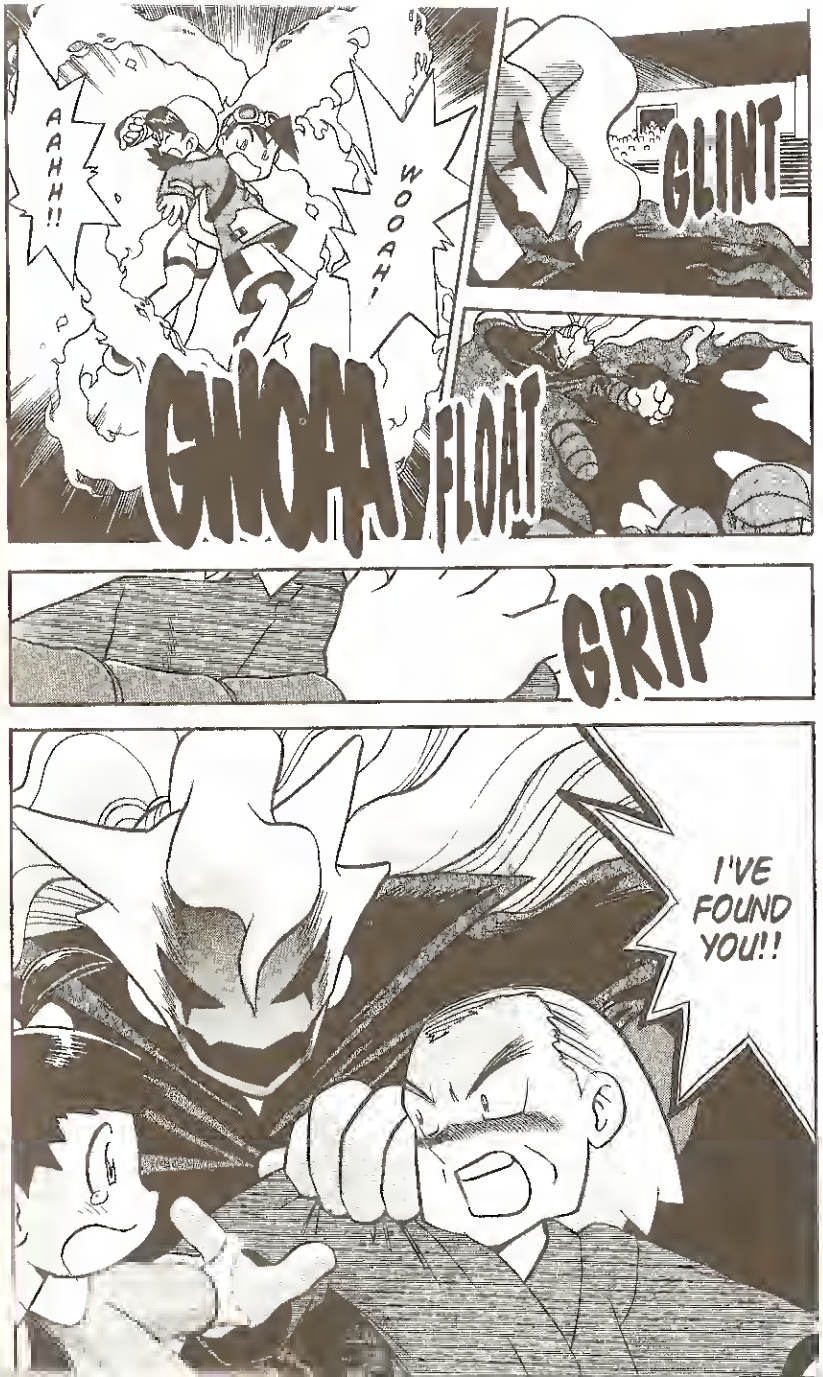

THAT WAS FUTURE SIGHT !!
NATU CAN ATTACK THE TARGET IN THE FUTURE! ITS ATTACK JUST NOW HAS ONLY HIT LUGIA NOW!!
PRESENT POSITION
POSITION SECONDS LATER

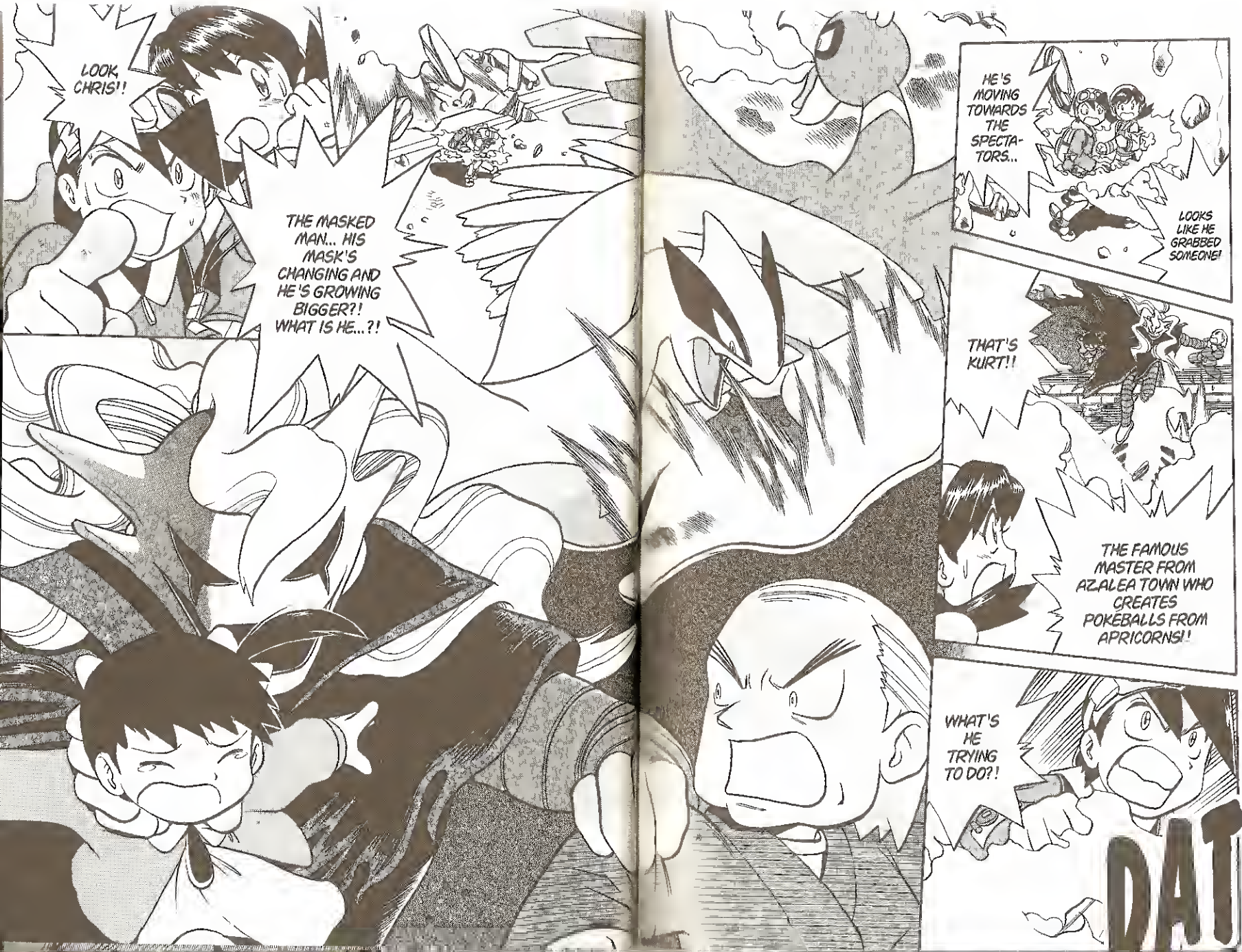
HAHAH, THANKS, THAT WAS REAL CLOSE.

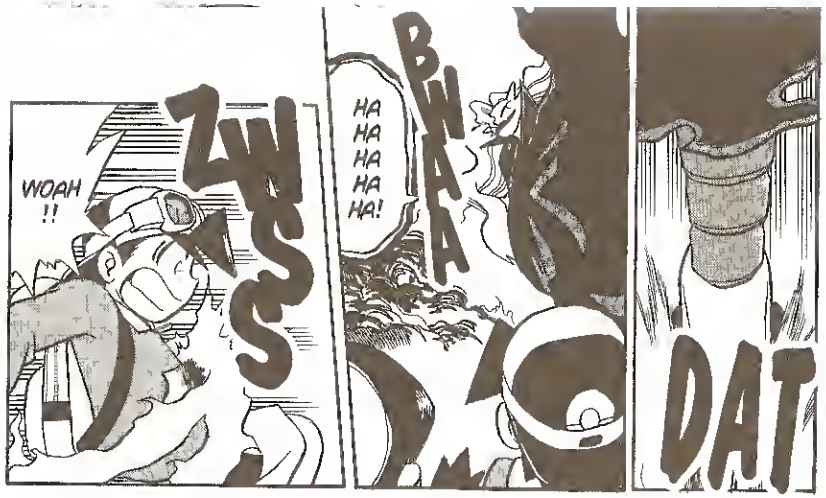

WE MIGHT JUST HAVE A CHANCE AT WINNING THIS!
THAT GUY'S LOSING HIS COOL. THIS IS OUR CHANCE...

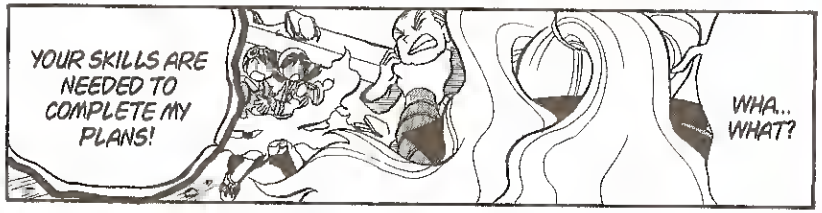

I'VE NO TIME FOR THIS!

WHAT ?!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO NOW!!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ...
... NOTHING CAN SPOIL MY PLANS!!
MWYY
MY PLANS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS!!
NOBODY CAN STOP ME!!
!!
KANG


AAHH!!
WOOAH!
GLINT
GWOAA
FLOAT
GRIP
I'VE FOUND YOU!!


LOOK, CHRIS!!
THE MASKED MAN... HIS MASK'S CHANGING AND HE'S GROWING BIGGER?! WHAT IS HE...?!
HE'S MOVING TOWARDS THE SPECTA-TORS...
LOOKS LIKE HE GRABBED SOMEONE!
THAT'S KURT!!
THE FAMOUS MASTER FROM AZALEA TOWN WHO CREATES POKEBALLS FROM APRICORNS!!
WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO?!
DAT





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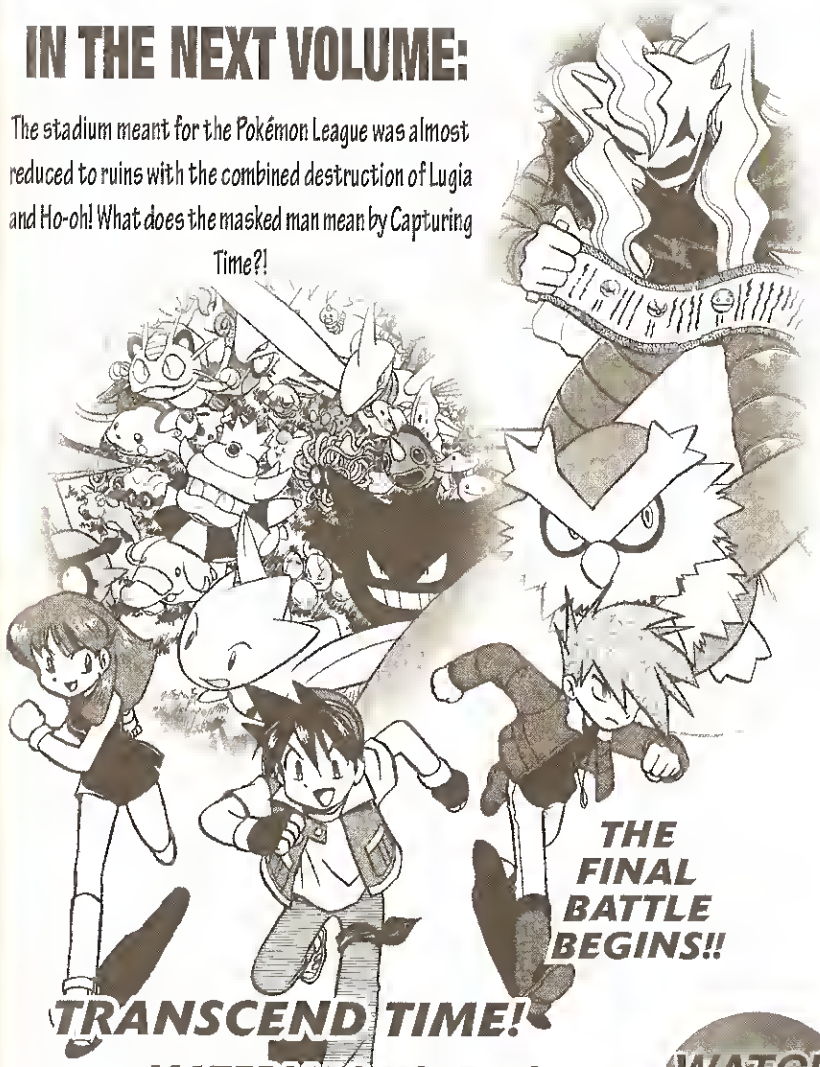
The stadium meant for the Pokémon League was almost reduced to ruins with the combined destruction of Lugia and Ho-oh! What does the masked man mean by Capturing Time?!



THE FINAL BATTLE BEGINS!!

TRANSCEND TIME!

MATERIALS USED TO MAKE CAPTURE NET...!

WATCH OUT FOR IT!

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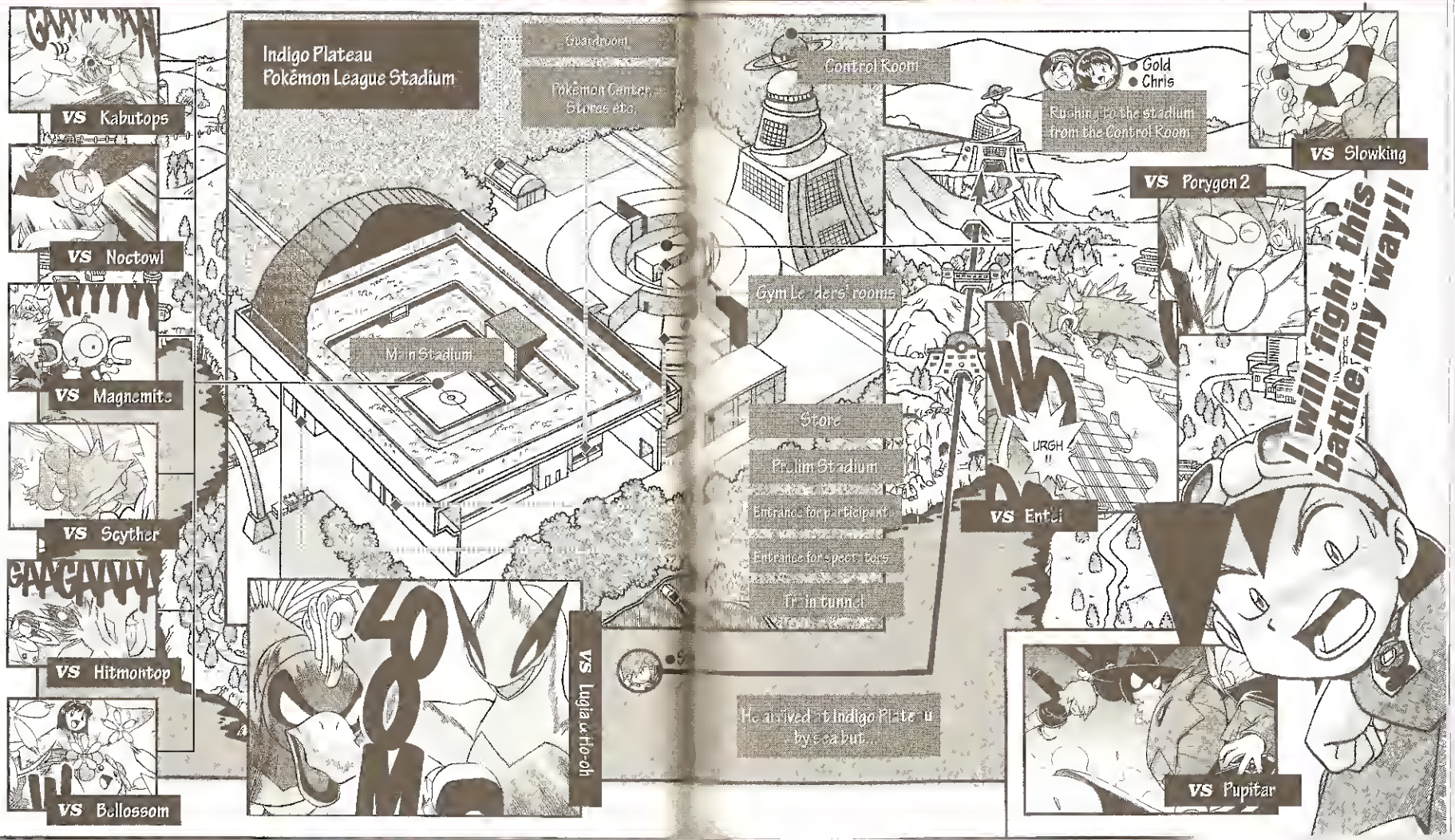
Route Map 13

The Pokémon League has taken center-stage, keeping everyone breathless with one battle after another! Check out all the battles with this sketch!!



Hero: Gold
No. of Trainer Badges: 0
No. of Pokémon collected: 14

Collection

154 MEGANIUM
155 CYNDAQUIL
156 QUILAVA
157 TYPHLOSION
158 TOTODILE
159 CROCONAW
160 FERALIGATOR
016 CROCONAW
017 PIDGOTTO
018 PIDGEOT

No. Found
107 Pokémon
No. Caught
14 Pokémon

Compared to when Gold just started his journey in New Bark Town, the numbers have increased steadily.

The Party with Gold as of Chapter 164

The six most trusted Pokémon, who will fight alongside Gold in the final battle!!

Gold's Team Pokédex Revealed!!

TYPHLOSION: L41
Type 1: Fire
Trainer: Gold
No. 157

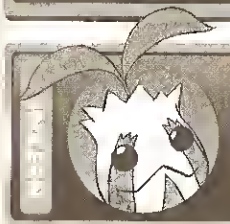
EXPLOTARO Gender: ♂

Explotaro started his journey with Gold after being taken away from Professor Elm's research center! It plays an important role in Gold's team!!

AIPOM: L40
Type 1: Normal
Trainer: Gold
No. 190

ATARO Gender: ♂

Ataro tail is its best weapon.
Ataro managed to save the day when Gold couldn't move or open Pokéballs in the Control Room!!



SUNKERN: L37
Type 1: Grass
Trainer: Gold
No. 191

SINTARO Gender: ♀

Don't be tricked by its Poker-face.
Its *Giga Drain* can suck away the opponents' energies!

POLITOED: L40
Type 1: Water
Trainer: Gold
No. 186

POLTARO Gender: ♂

It was thanks to Silver's wit that Poltaro managed to evolve to Politoed!!

SUDOWOODO: L42
Type 1: Rock
Trainer: Gold
No. 186

UTARO Gender: ♂

Although it looks like a plant, it is actually a rock type Pokémon. It fought with Ho-oh using a splendid strategy

MANTINE: L25
Type 1: Water
Type 2: Flying
Trainer: Gold
No. 226

MANTARO Gender: ♂

It can load itself with up to 20 Remorald! Its dual type makes it the best transport on water and in air!!

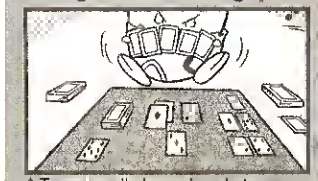
Togepi in Professor Oak's Research Center

Togepi is now with Professor Oak, away from Gold. What's so special about this Pokémon from the egg that Gold was put in charge of?

Professor Oak's comments

No matter what, this is a weird Pokémon. It is very different from normal Pokémon!!

•A game-lover Togepi...



▲Togepi really has a hand at games to everyone's surprise again. What an unusual Pokémon!!

•Tyranitar vs Togepi

▲Togepi's victory over Tyranitar in battle is unheard of and it really surprised everyone!!

Trainers can bring their Pokémon with them, to wherever they wish to go.

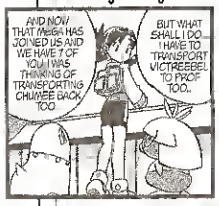
▲ On top of that, Pokémon can be transported or set for recovery mode when they are kept in Pokéballs. (Chapter 8 etc.)

01 Portability

Mobility of Pokémon with the help of Pokéballs

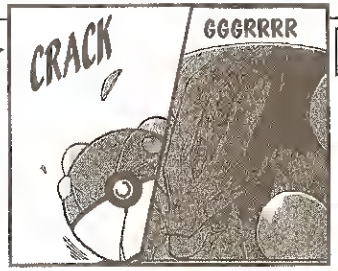
All trainers keep their Pokémon in Pokéballs and carry them around. The name Pokéball came from the idea "Pokémon in balls". With Pokéballs, trainers can easily travel with large numbers of Pokémon. (Chapter 1 etc.)

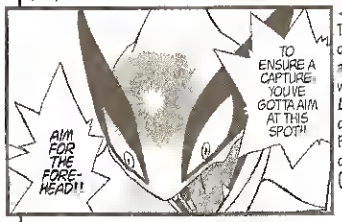
Reference: How many Pokémon do trainers usually carry?


AND NOW THAT MEOWTH HAS JOINED US AND WE HAVE 7 OF YOU, I WAS THINKING OF TRANSPORTING CHUMBEE BACK TOO
BUT WHAT SHALL I DO... I HAVE TO TRANSPORT VICTREEBEL TO PROF TOO...

The number is actually up to the trainer himself. However as per the regulations of Pokémon league, each trainer is entitled to six Pokémon. This number is also thought to be one that contains a good balance within the team. (Chapter 119 etc.)

The Pokémon has to be weakened in battle to a certain extent before it can be captured. A capture may fail if the opponent is not weakened enough. (Chapter 131)





The technique in capturing lies in aiming at the vital spot where *Life energy* of the Pokémon is concentrated. (Chapter 143)

02 Capture

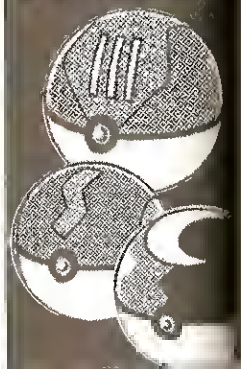
A Tool for Capturing!

Needless to say, one of the most important functions of the Pokéball is for capturing. After the battle, a Pokéball is thrown at the Pokémon and it will be sucked into the ball.

There's more! Pokéballs!!

Close Examination on seven areas-

One of the most important tools that affects Pokémon capturing! We let you in on some of the known and unknown secrets of Pokéballs!!



Design	Name and Purpose	
	Heavy Ball •Effective on heavier Pokémon	Black Apricorn
	Lure Ball •Effective on Pokémon that are fished	Blue Apricorn
	Speed Ball •Effective on Pokémon that are fast	White Apricorn
	Moon Ball •Effective on Pokémon that evolved from Moon Stone	Yellow Apricorn
	Love Ball •Effective if the opponent Pokémon is of the opposite sex	Pink Apricorn
	Level Ball •Effective against Pokémon which are weaker	Red Apricorn
	Friend Ball •The Pokémon caught will become a good friend	Green Apricorn

Design	Name and Purpose
	Pokéball •For capturing wild Pokémon
	Great Ball •Better capacity than Pokéball
	Ultra Ball •Better capacity than Great Ball
	Master Ball •It can capture any kind of Pokémon
	Safari Ball •For use in Safari Parks
	Park Ball •Used in bug-catching competition

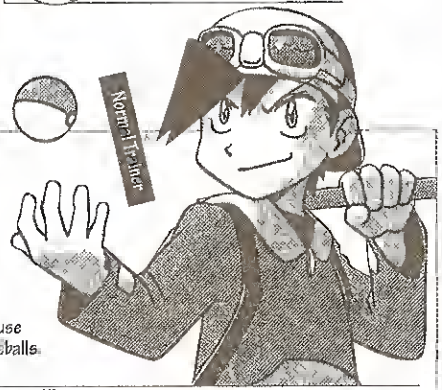
03 Variety

The Different Balls!

Different balls are used for different purposes. These are sold at shops or specially hand-made by the makers.

Reference: The Rank of Pokémon and Trainer

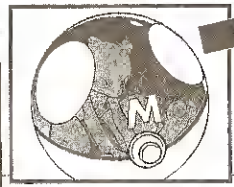
Usually the higher ranked balls are used against stronger Pokémon. And the Pokémon are usually kept in the same ball they are captured in. Hence one can usually tell the trainer's level by looking at the balls they carry.



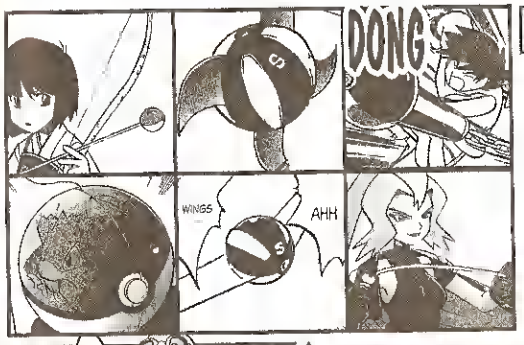
Most trainers use the normal Pokéballs.

▲ All leaders use Great Balls provided by the Pokémon Association.

▼ Stronger trainers use Ultra Balls, reflecting their prowess.



◀ Mewtwo was captured simply because Master Ball was used.



04 Modifications

Modified usage according to the Trainer's needs!

Some trainers modify their balls to accommodate their own techniques and attacks. This increases the variety of capturing techniques. (Chapter 66 etc.)

▲ With perfect timing and a good aim, the trainer can easily capture Pokemon. Each capture is a display of the trainer's skills

◀ Unlike modifications, trainers also make use of its round nature to come up with the *Cue Strategy*. (Chapter 154)

▲ Pokemon with high intelligence can sometimes release themselves from the Pokeballs in times of emergency and return to the Pokeballs at will.

05 Opening Pokeball

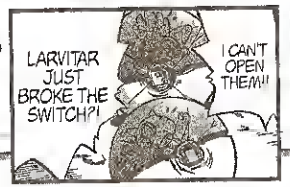
Control over the Balls by People other than the Owner!

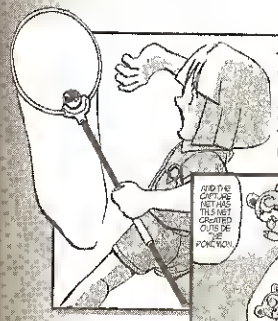
Basically, it is not possible for anyone other than the original owner of the Pokemon to open the Pokeball. The switch of the Pokeball is not only controlled by the original owner, it is also partly due to the Pokémon's will against being released by other people. It is the Pokémon's trust in its owner that makes it answer his calls to battle. (Chapter 10 etc.)

▲ There are also cases when the Pokémon is extremely weak and is unable to resist other trainers' opening the Pokeball. (Chapter 145) On the other hand, researchers have studied and developed such techniques. (Chapter 85)

Reference: Pokeball Switch

The switch is used to release the Pokemon or keep it into the Pokeball. An attack strategy is to break the switch and prevent the trainer from exchanging the battling Pokemon. (Chapter 80, 135 etc.)




AND THE CAPTURE NET WAS TILL NOT CREATED OUTSIDE THE POKEMON.
INVISIBLE NET FROM WITHIN NORMAL POKEBALLS WILL APPEAR WHEN THE BALL IS THROWN NEAR THE TARGET AND PULLS IT IN

◀▼ This net created by Kurt for capturing bugs, actually works in the exact same way as normal Pokeballs

06 Inner layer of the Pokeball

Capture Net

Inside the Pokeballs, there is an almost invisible net, called the capture net. This net is believed to be the vital mechanism that pulls the Pokémon inside the Pokeball. There is also a gym leader who decided to put the capture net outside of the Pokeball, and use it as a special capturing tool. (Chapter 134, 154)

▼ The masked man once mentioned he was running out of time! Could it be related to this Pokeball?!

•There's no data about this Pokeball at all!

◀ If it is a special Pokéball, can it be made from an Apricorn too?

07 Time...?!

The Pokeball to Capture Time!

The masked man barged into the Pokemon League and ordered Kurt to make "the Pokeball to capture time. What does he mean? Is there another kind of Pokéball that we don't know of.. ?! (Chapter 166)

•Does Kurt know how to make it?!

◀ Kurt is an expert from New Bark Town who makes Pokeballs from Apricorns. Since the masked man had kidnapped him with the intention of making him create the Pokeball, he must know something about it!

•But what will it be used for...?!

▲ Is the masked man going to use this Pokeball on Ilex Forest, where he once lived... away from others?!

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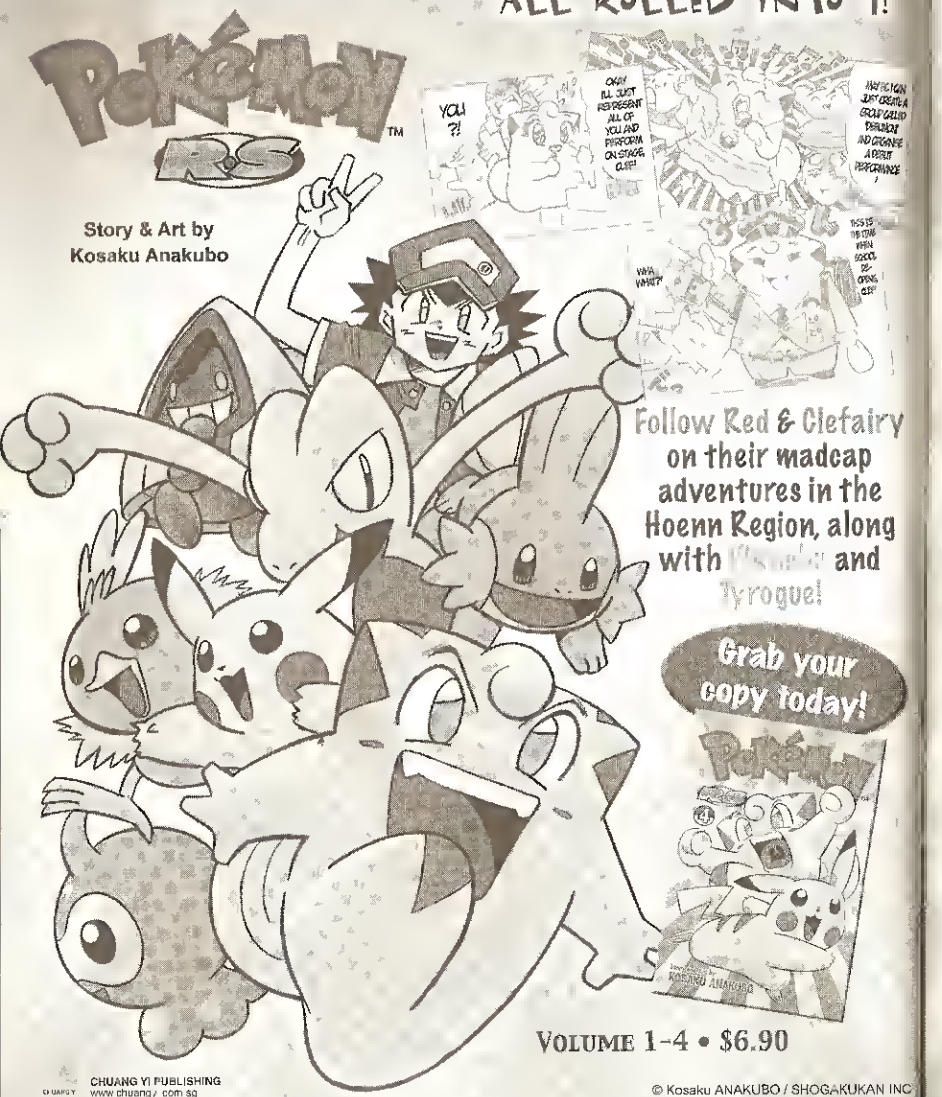
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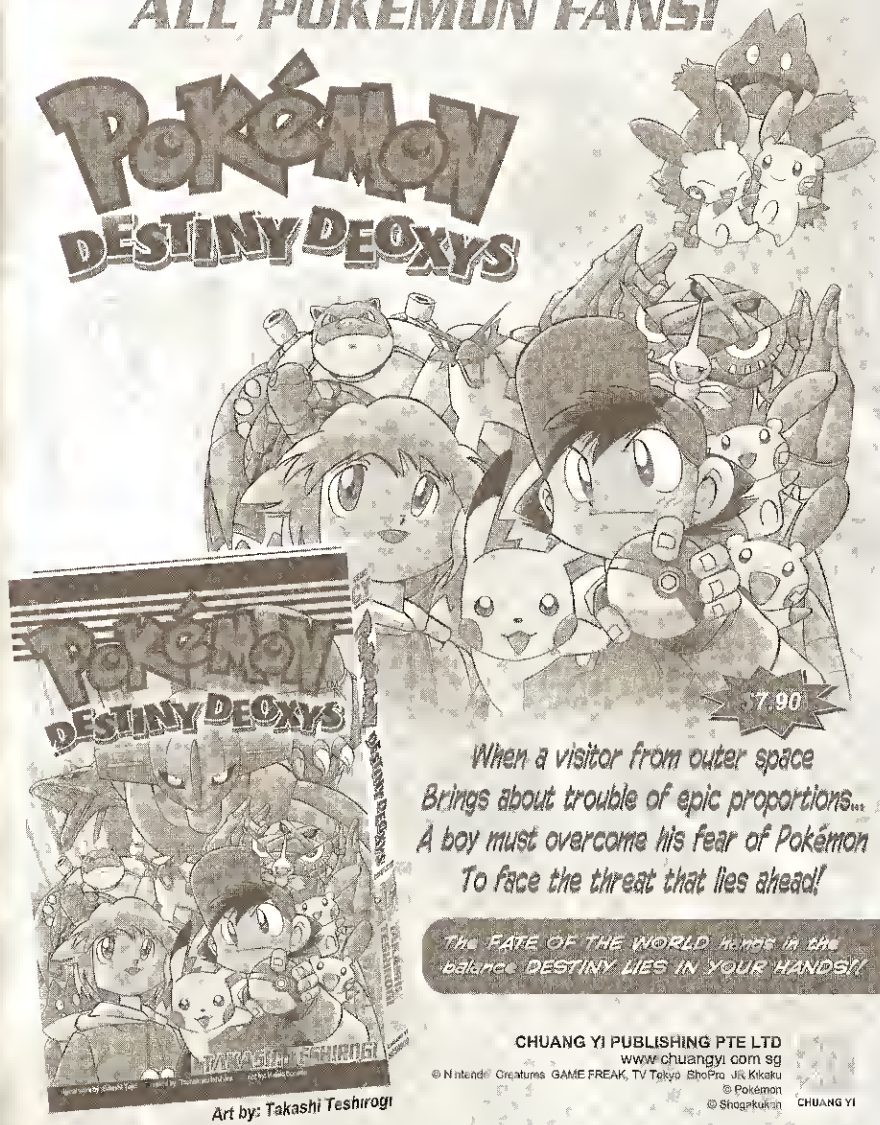
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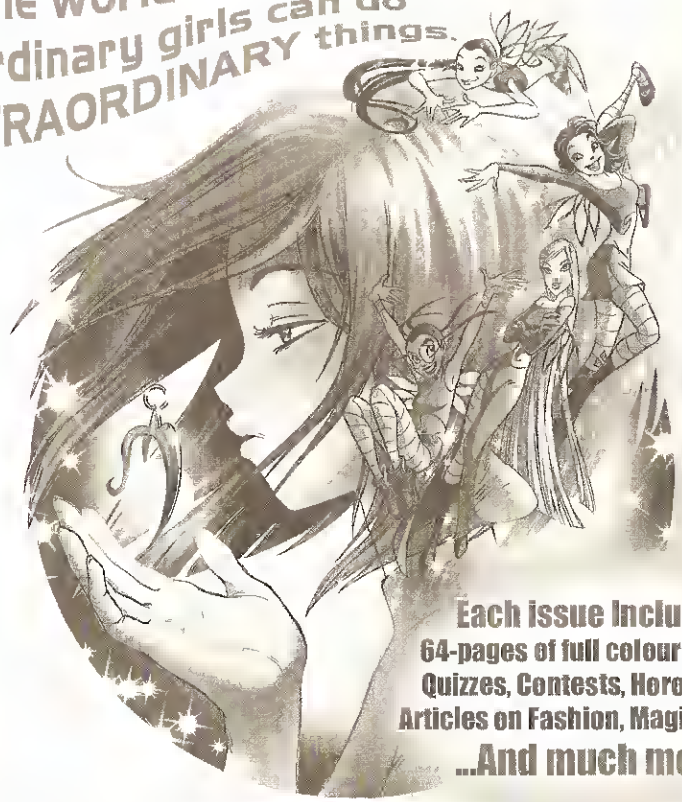

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Satoshi Yamamoto

The Tournament for Gym Leaders is finally starting and the main characters meet the masked man face-to-face, where the story reaches a climax! Gigantic Pokémon arrive at the stadium, creating unprecedented chaos! The prowess and damage could have been overdone, but I personally feel that it was necessary for the final battle! Have fun reading Vol.13!

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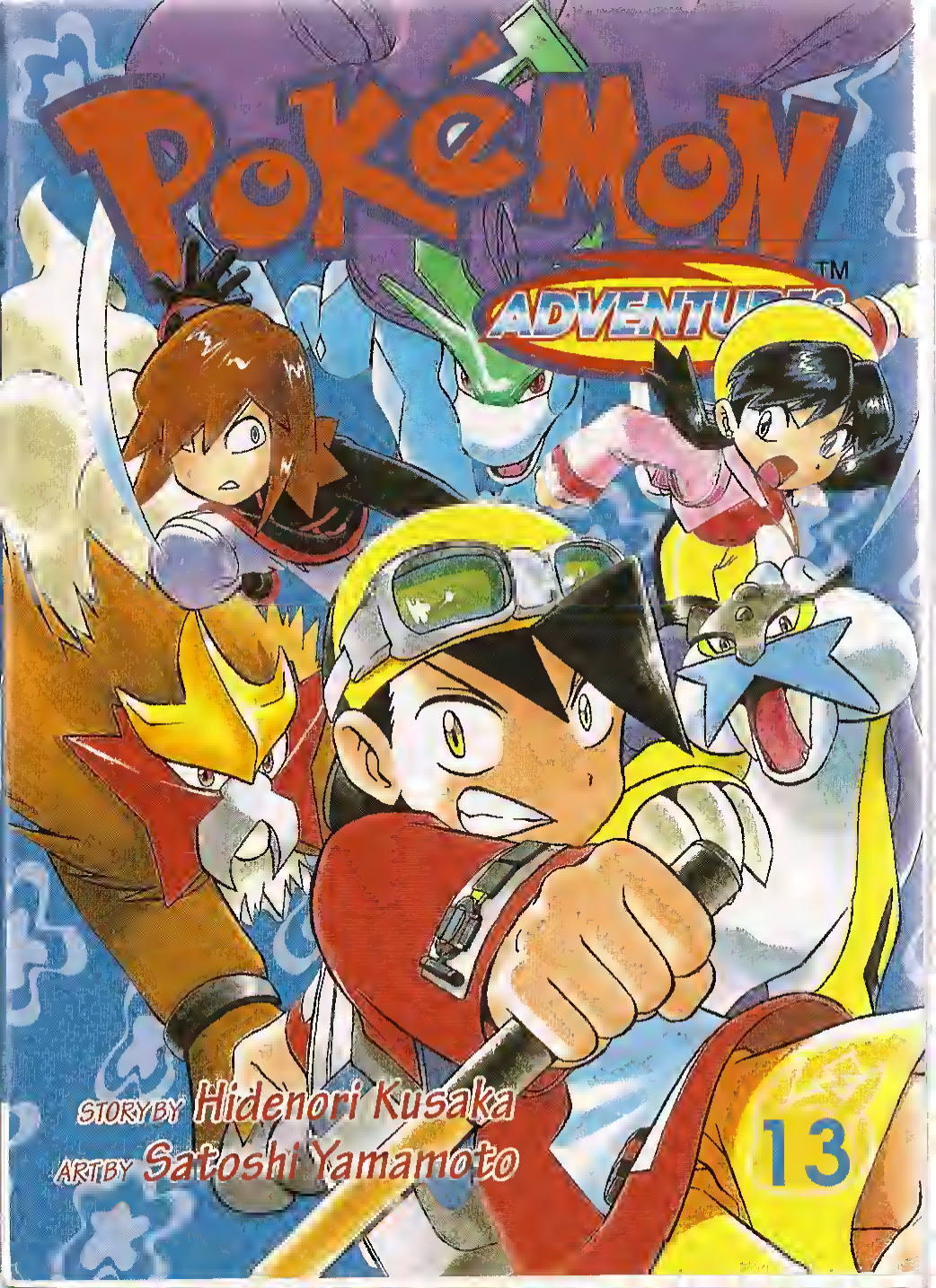
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